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MARTHA A. CASE VS. THE RAILROAD

On Wednesday of last week the motion for a new trial in the case of William Case and wife against D. L. & W. R. R. Co., was argued before Judge Herring and on Saturday he filed an opinion refusing a new trial. This suit has attracted much attention, because it has been tried in court, the first time occupying a week, and the second time four days, and also because Judge Herring reversed Judge Ikeler's ruling at the first trial, and granted a new trial. The first time, it was submitted to the jury who found a verdict of \$5000. Mrs. Case for injuries to herself, \$3000 for Mr. Case for loss of his services. The defendant filed a motion for a new trial, and Judge Ikeler died before the motion was argued and it came up before Judge Hg, who granted a new trial as above stated.

There has been so much criticism of Judge Herring's action refusing to continue the case, and a direct verdict for the defendant, that it is due to the court that an opinion filed on Saturday be published so far as it contains a statement of facts.

As to the refusal to continue the case on motion of the plaintiff's counsel, because Mrs. Case was sick and unable to be present, the opinion says:

"Six times, before and after the trial, plaintiff's counsel, moved to continue this case on the ground that Mrs. Case, one of the plaintiffs, was sick and unable to attend the trial. The affidavits and testimony as to her physical condition showed that she was suffering from 'severe or severe nervous prostration'; that ever since a nervous trial in February, 1898 these attacks of nervous prostration, although intermittent, 'came on her with renewed severity' at her condition 'now is worse than a ago' and her diseases are of such a nature that she 'will never get well'; that prior to 1894 she weighed from one hundred ninety to two hundred pounds; that now is a poor emaciated creature, whom friends cannot recognize."

Dr. Howard, her attending physician, in attempting to catalogue infirmities says: "She is suffering from each of the bladder, enfeebled circulation of blood, nervous prostration, constipation, indigestion, falling of the womb, uterine troubles."

It was impossible for, even remotely, when a person thus afflicted, might be able to undertake a journey from Michigan to Pennsylvania to testify in a law suit. The very fact that ever since 1894 she has been growing worse instead of better, rendered still more remote the chance of her ever being well enough to attend the trial.

Defendant's counsel insisted a continuance on the ground that the testimony of Mrs. Case had been taken on two former occasions; first on a rule take her depositions and afterward, a year later when she appeared at the trial. On both occasions she was examined and re-examined at great length and her testimony written out, that taken at the trial covering over sixty pages of type-written matter. It was urged that the cases of the plaintiff could not be prejudiced by absence of Mrs. Case, if her testimony, as taken at a former trial, could be read in evidence.

To the Court it seems that Mrs. Case had been given a double opportunity to testify to every fact within her knowledge, material to the issue; and that the testimony in the present trial would fully preserve all her rights.

The cases had been pending for almost four years, and then called were the only cases open for trial, all others having been settled or consumed by consent of both parties.

For these reasons the motion to continue was over-ruled and after mature consideration we can discover no mistake in those rulings.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

One of the plaintiffs, Martha A. Case, bought a railroad ticket at Hillsdale, Michigan, for Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, over the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad as far as Buffalo, and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad from Buffalo to Bloomsburg by way of Scranton. The ticket was limited as to time and under the regulations of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad was for one continuous passage to Bloomsburg, without stop over privileges. It bore on its face this notice, "No agent or employee has power to modify this contract in any particular."

The plaintiff reached Scranton at 3:30 in the afternoon of August 28th, 1894. The next train for Bloomsburg was scheduled to leave Scranton at 6 p. m. Instead of waiting for this train, Mrs. Case within a few minutes after her arrival, took a local train running only as far as Kingston, an intermediate station. At Kingston she left this train and took another for Bloomsburg at 6:55 p. m.

Shortly after leaving Kingston, she says, she handed her ticket to the conductor, and said to him, "My ticket calls for Bloomsburg but I want to get off at Berwick, will you set my trunk off there please?" The conductor took the ticket but made no reply, folded it

up and handed it back to her. Shortly afterward he came back, according to her testimony and said, "I will take your ticket now and see what I can do." She then gave up the ticket and upon his inquiring for the baggage check, reluctantly gave that up. She nowhere testifies that the conductor agreed to let her off at Berwick.

The train reached Berwick at eight o'clock, stopped long enough to allow plaintiff's baggage to be put off and all passengers to alight. The plaintiff and the conductor both agree that it stopped about two minutes. Mrs. Case did not alight with the other passengers for Berwick.

Just as the train was starting to leave Berwick station, Mrs. Case went forward to the brakeman and said, "Where is the conductor, find him quick, he was to set me off here." The brakeman hurried to the smoking car ahead, brought back the conductor, and the plaintiff twice repeated, "Why didn't you set me off here, this need not have been, the station was not announced."

The conductor insisting that the station had been announced pulled the bell cord and stopped the train. She then of her own motion went out on the platform, down the steps, the conductor helping her to the ground and as she says, "in a gentlemanly manner" escorting her to the rear end of the car. There he pointed out the light in front of the station telling her to "go for that light." He then jumped on his train and it moved off.

After repeated efforts on the part of counsel to have Mrs. Case fix the point where she alighted, she declined even to approximate it. The only thing that she would say was that the train had "passed the depot." Two of plaintiff's witnesses, Jennie Blecker and Mrs. Averill, testified that they were calling that evening at the lock tender's house on the south side of the track, about forty feet below the station platform. Hearing the eight o'clock train start, go a short distance beyond the house and then stop, they went out of the house and stood at a point where they could look down the track. They saw the rear end of the train about half way between the smoke house and the lock tender's house, about fifty feet from where they stood.

"A lady at the hind part of the car was just about in the act of starting to walk as the train was starting to move away." They stood there and "looked at the lady a little while." They saw her walking toward them until she passed them within a few feet. "Going toward the small platform." They saw her pass safely the switch bars which were below where they stood.

They then crossed the track and when they next noticed her, she was in the act of falling between "the small platform" and the big platform. Another of plaintiff's witnesses, Al Chamberlain, testified that he saw her lying between the two platforms; another, Harry Rhodes, that he saw her from the rear window of the train as it moved away "standing on the little platform."

What is spoken of in the evidence as the "small platform" is in fact no platform, but as described by plaintiff's engineer, a plank covering for surface drain pipes, being about seven feet wide and nine feet long, elevated about five inches above the ground, and located about seven feet beyond the station platform. The ground between "the small platform" and the end of the station platform was smooth and clear of obstructions. The step from the ground to the station platform at its westerly extremity was about ten inches high.

This "small platform" was distant from the electric arc light suspended in front of the bay window of the station one hundred and seventy-six feet. It was distant in the opposite direction from another electric arc light two hundred and eighty-six feet. The latter light was elevated above the level of the platform about forty-five feet. In other words, "the small platform" was located about mid-way between two arc lights with no obstruction to cut off the rays.

The accident occurred about eight o'clock on a clear summer evening in the month of August.

But notwithstanding the electric lights and whatever natural light there may have been at eight o'clock on that clear summer evening, Mrs. Case testified that "it was very dark," so dark that she "could not see her own feet, nor the ground, nor the rails, couldn't see where she was stepping."

She admitted wearing a "thin loose veil," and hurried along as fast as she could "to meet friends" whom she "expected at the station."

When her deposition was taken a year before the trial she testified, "I did go on a run." This testimony, she corrected at the trial, by saying, "I did not go on a run, I hurried as fast as I could."

Mrs. Case nowhere testifies that she asked the conductor or brakeman to back the train to allow her to alight on the platform, nor that she asked either conductor or brakeman to escort her back to the platform.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Upon the facts as proved and shown by the plaintiff's own admissions and the undisputed evidence in the case, the Court felt it its duty to direct a verdict for the defendant. It is too plain for argument that the plaintiff, Martha A. Case, left the defendant's train voluntarily.

There isn't a particle of testimony to show

that she was ejected or forced to leave against her will. Every act of hers, which speaks louder than mere words, is proof, positive, that it was her desire that the train should be stopped and she be permitted to alight. Else why did she rush forward to the brakeman, call for the conductor, and complain because she had not been "set off at Berwick?"

It is midsummer madness to contend that she was ejected or forced to leave the train against her will. No sane man could reach such a conclusion after reading her testimony. Having left the train voluntarily at a point beyond the regular station platform, without requesting the trainmen to escort her back or back the train, she assumed the risk of reaching the station in safety and forfeited her rights as a passenger.

But assuming that it was so dark, where the conductor left her, that she couldn't see the ground, her own feet, or the rails, couldn't see where she was walking—did she use ordinary care in "hurrying as fast as she could" through inky darkness, with a veil over her face?

She was a person of mature years, a "strong, healthy, robust woman," she knew she was in a strange place, on the railroad track, in pitch darkness. Yet she hurried as fast as she could to meet her friends at the station without raising her veil or asking an escort.

In voluntarily leaving the train where she did, in darkness such as she describes, and hurrying forward over unfamiliar ground with a veil over her face, she must be held to have been guilty of contributory negligence.

There is another phase of the case which the Court feels called upon to discuss. Only two witnesses saw the plaintiff fall. They are Miss Blecker and Mrs. Averill. They were subpoenaed and called by the plaintiff. They saw the plaintiff first at the rear end of the car where she was left by the conductor, she was walking toward them.

They saw her pass the switch bars in safety and continue up the track toward the "small platform." "As she stepped from the small platform to the ground she plunged forward and fell."

It will be remembered that Mrs. Case herself testified that she "couldn't see that the platform was elevated." Here was a clear summer evening in August about eight o'clock. The unobstructed rays of two arc lights streamed upon this platform from opposite directions; and yet Mrs. Case couldn't see that the platform was elevated.

There is no allegation anywhere that her vision was imperfect. The only inference is that she didn't use her eyes as an ordinarily prudent person would under similar circumstances and was therefore guilty of contributory negligence. There is no evidence that she even raised her veil.

If in stepping from the platform to the ground under the mistaken impression that it was not elevated, she plunged forward and fell, she can blame no one but her self, for if she had looked, she couldn't have helped but see, that the platform was elevated. A person is bound to see what their eyes will disclose, by the ordinary and proper use of them.

"A railroad Company is not liable to a passenger for an accident which the passenger might have prevented by ordinary attention to his own safety, even though the agents in charge of the train are also remiss in their duty. They are not insurers against the perils to which a passenger may expose himself by his own rashness or folly." Railroad Company vs. Aspell 23 P. S. 149.

Thus far we have considered the case with out reference to certain facts disclosed in the evidence, which tend to show that the defendant was not negligent.

The plaintiff's right to recover in this case depends upon the liability of the defendant to respond in damage for its negligent acts.

The burden is upon the plaintiff to establish the facts from which the inference of such negligence can be legitimately drawn.

When a passenger enters into a contract with a Railroad Company by purchasing a ticket to carry her to a given distance, and the ticket is a limited one, calling for a continuous journey without stop over privileges; neither passenger nor conductor of the Railroad Company can alter or change that contract so as to make the company liable for any failure in alighting the passenger at any intermediate point; especially when the ticket carries on its face the notice, "No agent or employee has power to modify this contract in any particular."

The contract between Martha A. Case and the defendant Company was for carriage from Buffalo to Bloomsburg, evidenced by a first class limited ticket requiring a continuous journey with no stop over privileges. The defendant was therefore under no legal or contract obligation to Martha A. Case to announce the station, Berwick, by calling in the car or any other way; Berwick being an intermediate station between Buffalo and Bloomsburg, and not a junction point where it was necessary to change cars.

Taking Mrs. Case's statement therefore as true that the station Berwick, was not announced, the failure to announce the station was not negligence on the part of the defendant. Nor was it negligence to stop the train at the instance of the plaintiff and allow her to exercise her own free will in voluntarily

leaving the train at a point beyond the station platform, and before reaching her destination, Bloomsburg.

"If a passenger is negligently carried beyond the station where he intended to stop and where he had a right to be let off; he can recover compensation for inconvenience, the loss of time, and the labor of traveling back, because these are the direct consequences of the wrong done to him." Railroad Company vs. Aspell 23 P. S. 150.

Assuming that Mrs. Case intended to stop at Berwick and had a right to be let off at that station, and was negligently carried beyond it, it was her duty to remain on the train until it reached the next regular stopping place, and then recover compensation for the inconvenience, loss of time, and the labor of traveling back to Berwick; but when she chose to disregard this duty and saw fit to have the train stopped, and voluntarily alighted at a point of her own selection, she cannot afterward set up that such point was an unsafe place to deposit a passenger.

Under the evidence in this case Mrs. Case was entitled to one continuous ride from Hillsdale to Bloomsburg. If she voluntarily left the train at any intermediate point, she forfeited her rights as a passenger, and if injured after leaving the train through no other act of the defendant; she cannot hold the defendant liable for negligence in allowing her to alight at the place of her own selection.

For these reasons the motion for a new trial is over-ruled and a bill sealed for the plaintiffs.

BY THE COURT.

GRANT HERRING, President Judge.

Court Proceedings.

Court was in session a short time on Saturday afternoon. The following was entered on the Court minutes: In re petition to change, alter or amend, make anew, etc., the Deed Indices, the Court order and direct that a full and complete new Indices to be made and prepared. White's method of indexing to be used under supervision of C. B. Ent at the expense of the county, and that C. B. Ent enter into written contract with G. S. White for the purchase of said indices.

Hon. R. R. Little took the oath of office as President Judge before C. B. Ent, Register and Recorder, on Saturday Dec. 31st. There was a short session of court on Monday Jan. 2, at which he presided for the first time, but no business was transacted.

Court convened Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock with His Honor, Robt. R. Little and Associates Fox and Kurtz on the Bench. Hotel license of B. D. Morton in Greenwood transferred to Calvin Derr.

In re-petition to change, alter or make anew the Deed Indices of Columbia County. Petition of County Commissioners to suspend order etc. Order made Dec. 13, 1898 stayed until Monday of next term. Copy of petition to be served on C. B. Ent and also one mailed to G. S. White.

Bond of Annie M. Skeer, Guardian of Flora, Lloyd and Joseph Skeer in sum of \$40000 for each Ward filed.

Now January 3, 1899 all the Judges of the several courts of Columbia county having met at the Court House proceeded to make appointment of court crier, whereupon John S. Williams, of Bloomsburg was appointed to that position and the compensation fixed at \$2.50 per day; as heretofore paid to that officer. BY THE COURT.

Mrs. M. J. Hennessy.

A very sad occurrence, which it becomes our duty to chronicle, is the death of Mrs. M. J. Hennessy, which took place at her home on West Main street, Tuesday afternoon, from a sickness, with which she was taken in the early part of December. She contracted a heavy cold, followed by the gripp, which is so prevalent at present, and terminating with that almost incurable affliction, spinal meningitis.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Peter Gross, was aged thirty three years, and is survived by a husband and two children, a boy and a girl, aged four years and six months, and one year and two months respectively. She was a devoted wife and kind mother, and her demise is greatly mourned.

The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. A. J. McCann tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, and the remains interred in Rosemont Cemetery.

12th Regiment Soldiers Tired of War.

The effort that is being made to re-organize the Twelfth Regiment, N. G. P., is not meeting with much success. At Lock Haven it has about been decided to abandon the attempt to re-organize Co. H. The old members, who did camp duty during the Spanish war, say that they have had all the soldier life that they desire.

-AT- Auction!

The entire stock of Gidding & Co. (formerly Jones & Walter), embracing about Six Thousand Dollars worth of

FINE SHOES,

Boots and Rubbers, for men, boys, women, misses and children, a stock gathered together from the very best makers in the United States.

The firm of Gidding & Co. is going out of business. The store is to be given up February 1st. Avail yourself of this splendid opportunity to purchase Fine Footwear at a mere trifle. Every pair will be sold to the highest bidder—for cash.

SALE COMMENCES

Saturday Afternoon, Jan. 7th.

at 2 o'clock, and Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock, and will continue every day until the stock is disposed of.

SEATS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR LADIES.

Those wishing to purchase at private sale can come from 7 a. m. until 2 p. m., when the sale commences. Remember, every day at 2 p. m., every evening at 7 p. m., until the stock is sold.

GIDDING & CO.

J. S. Williams, Auc.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The clothing store will also sell everything, but at private sale, at and below maker's cost.

The Leader Department Store.

Special Sale of

Muslins and Counterpanes.

Lonsdale Cambric

In taking inventory we found some of our Muslins and Cambrics had become slightly soiled and mused in handling, and then we had too many brands. Every woman knows what Lonsdale Cambric is—one of the standards of the country. We have sold thousands of yards of it for 12½c. You may have 1,000 yards at

10 YARDS FOR \$1.00.

Lonsdale Muslins, from 9c. to 10 yards for 75c.

CANTON FLANNELS.

Here are a few things, taken at random, from the special stock we have laid out for our January sale.

A 27 inch Bleached Canton Flannel, sold everywhere for 5c. 10 YARDS FOR 37c.

A 27 inch Unbleached Canton Flannel, sold everywhere for 5c. 10 YARDS FOR 37c.

A 30 inch Bleached Canton Flannel, sold everywhere for 9c. 10 YARDS FOR 70c.

A 30 inch Unbleached Canton Flannel, usual price, 6c. 10 YARDS FOR 50c.

We also show a special line of heavy Shaker Flannels at 6, 8 and 10c. Worth more money, but we want to move them.

RED FLANNELS.

During January we will give you 10 per cent. reduction on all our Flannels—red, white and gray.

BUTTER DISHES.—Look in our Fourth St. window. We give you a 5-lb. butter crock for 5c. You have paid 10c. for these and thought you were getting a bargain.

PARIS CORN.—None nicer—11c a can. Usually, 2 for 25c.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS.—We have a special lot of Silver Cord fruits. Rich, heavy syrup, 20c. the can.

FIGS.—For cooking or cake making, 2 lbs for 15c. Try them, but keep them away from the boys, or they will tell you they are good for eating also.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd., Fourth and Market Sts.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Contest For United States Senator Already Begun.

SENATOR QUAY ON THE SCENE.

In the struggle for the Speakership John R. Farr of Scranton, seems to be in the lead—The New Capitol Building So Far as Completed.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Jan. 2.—The general assembly will open its biennial session at 12 o'clock tomorrow noon in the new capitol building. After the senate and house have organized Governor Hastings will send in his biennial message. A recess will probably be taken after the organization for several days to allow the president pro tem, and speaker to prepare the lists of standing committees. Neither of these lists will hardly be ready to announce before the inauguration of Governor-elect Stone, on Jan. 17, so that the legislature will not get down to work in earnest before February. There is a strong sentiment among the legislators in favor of a short session, and a resolution may be introduced tomorrow fixing the date of final adjournment. The last legislature closed July 1, and the incoming body will hardly complete its labors before the middle of May, at the earliest. Both Democrats and Republicans will caucus this evening for the organization of the two houses. The Republicans have a majority of 74 on joint ballot, and naturally expect to control both bodies. There are 37 Republicans and 12 Democrats in the senate and 127 Republicans and 71 Democrats and six fusionists in the house.

There are many Democrats anxious to fuse with the speakership with the independent Republicans, and this matter will be discussed at their caucus. Charles B. Spatz, of Berks, is the only avowed candidate on the ground for the Democratic nomination for speaker. General W. H. Kooz, of Somerset, an independent Republican, is the choice of the fusionists for speaker. To be elected on this issue he would have to poll the votes of 71 Democrats, six fusionists and 27 independent Republicans.

Farr in the Lead For Speaker. John R. Farr, of Scranton, is the most formidable aspirant for the Republican nomination for speaker. He has been endorsed by the Philadelphia delegation, or a large part of it, and claims to have a large following in other localities. George M. Hosack, of Pittsburg, is the choice of a majority of the Allegheny members. Ward R. Bliss, of Delaware, is the most aggressive candidate, and claims to have the pledges of 50 members, nearly all of whom come from county districts.

William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, so far, has no opposition for chairman of the house Republican caucus. This is a most important position, as the chairman joins with the chairman of the senate Republican caucus in fixing the date for the caucus for the nomination of a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator M. S. Quay. The house chairman also appoints the slate committee which makes up the list of officers and employees of that body.

Senator John C. Grady, of Philadelphia, will probably be chairman of the senate Republican caucus, by which a candidate for president pro tem, will be chosen. The officers and employees of the senate will be chosen by a slate committee appointed at the close of the '97 session. Senator William P. Snyder, of Chester, is the only Republican aspirant for president pro tem, and his nomination and election is assured. William T. Creasy, of Columbia, expects to be chairman of the house Democratic caucus, and Senator J. Henry Cochran, of Williamsport, will probably preside over the senate Democratic caucus.

Senator Quay's friends have fixed tomorrow evening for the senatorial caucus, and the only question now is whether 128 Republicans will go into the meeting. If they do everybody admits that Quay will control a majority and that he will be nominated. His opponents are making an effort to keep enough members out of the conference to prevent a nomination. If they can do this they expect to defeat the senator's re-election. Congressman John Dalzell, of Pittsburg, and Charles C. Tubbs, of Tioga, are the other avowed aspirants for the senatorial nomination. Dalzell is considered weak in that he lacks home endorsement, and Tubbs went into the contest solely to prevent Quay's friends from instructing the two members from Tioga. Tubbs is here, but he is making no effort to secure votes. Quay's friends have established headquarters at the Lochiel hotel, in charge of Chairman Elkin, of the state Republican committee. They have appointed committees on reception to meet the legislators on their arrival, and this evening they will hold a street demonstration in the senator's honor.

Senator Quay on Hand. Senator Quay reached here at midnight from Washington to take personal direction of his campaign. He will be the guest of County Chairman Weiss during his visit. The senator will remain in Harrisburg until after the senatorial caucus.

The fight against Quay is being directed by E. A. Van Valkenberg, the leading spirit of the Business Men's League. His headquarters are at the Commonwealth, where Dalzell will also hold forth. Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, and other active anti-Quay leaders, arrived today to aid Mr. Van Valkenberg. Senator-elect David Martin, of Philadelphia, who will retire as secretary of the commonwealth with Governor Hastings, reached the city last evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Martin and Receiver of Taxes and Mrs. William J. Roney, of Philadelphia. The party are the guests of Governor and Mrs. Hastings at the executive mansion. Senator Chris L. Magee, of Pittsburg, the leader in western Pennsylvania, arrived this morning.

Chairman John M. Garman, of the state Democratic committee, arrived yesterday to look after the party's interests. Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania's representative on the national Democratic committee, is kept away by illness. Republican workers are being brought here from all over the state to take a hand in the fight for United States senator.

The hotels are crowded with legislators, politicians and office seekers in the assembly, and by tonight they will be filled to overflowing. The Quay managers are on the aggressive, and are leaving nothing undone to make votes for their leader. The anti-Quayites are just as active, but there are not near so many of them.

The New Capitol. The new capitol, although unfinished, presents a very creditable appearance inside, and the legislators will be comfortably housed. The senate and house chambers are large and well ventilated and appointed for the use of the legislators. The floors are covered with new carpets of modest designs and the furniture has been utilized that was used at Grace church by the last legislature. Thirty large committee rooms have been furnished for the use of the assembly, and there are rooms for newspaper correspondents, telegraph and telephone offices, postoffices and lavatories.

There is an abundance of room for the legislature in the completed part of the building. The structure does not present a very fine appearance on the outside, but it is substantial and well built. The exterior walls are of ordinary red brick and are so constructed that they may be faced at any time with marble or granite. A temporary stairway has been built leading to the senate and house chambers and the spectators' galleries. The stairways and rotunda will eventually be covered with marble.

The walls of the assembly chambers are covered with red and white burlap, decorated in gilt, and the ceilings are festooned with shields and small flags, making a very pretty effect. The capitol building commission estimates that it will require an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to complete the building and erect departmental wings according to the original plans of the architect. The question of an additional appropriation is one of the most important that will come before the next legislature.

A low dome in rough finish, is 82 feet 6 inches in diameter, and 160 feet lower than the ultimate altitude of 250 feet intended. It is now 90 feet above the foot of the main stairway, which, though with wooden steps and railing at present, is imposing, and at the top winds gracefully on each side to the chambers. Great possibilities of impressive finish suggest themselves in the magnitude of the already symmetrical rotunda, with its circle of 16 great iron columns surrounding, on the first floor, a corridor 20 feet wide, and on the second, a main lobby, of grand proportions.

Spacious Corridors. The extreme length of the present building is 315 feet, to which the projected north and south wings will add an aggregate of about 150 feet, each projecting 60 feet from the main front. From front to rear of the existing structure the distance is 260 feet. Spacious corridors branch north, south and east from the rotunda. The rear wing is 90 feet wide. The front cornice is 80 feet above the ground. The work already done on the building cost about \$500,000, the remaining \$50,000 of the last legislature's appropriation having gone for the famous litigation, architect expenses, etc.

It is claimed that over 90 per cent of the visitors here, and other people who have expressed themselves on the subject, while anxious to guard against waste or corruption in the proposed building, declare in favor of having a capitol of which the commonwealth will be proud, and against limiting the cost to the views of the last legislature.

The entire floors in the east wing are not yet partitioned. The floor on a level with the senate and house is ready on one side with rooms for the officers of the former, and on the other for the house officials. Postoffice, telegraph and telephone facilities are on a scale not formerly approached, and for the first time each legislator and officer will have his own locker for clothing, etc. A restaurant is still in perspective. For the toilet rooms, though but of temporary finish, are claimed the best sanitary provisions. The plumbing, conduits, wiring, steam pipes, venting system, etc., are pronounced it for all time.

The Lighting Facilities. The night lighting in the halls of both houses is entirely from above the ceilings, through ground glass diffusers in form of skylights, there being 72 "incandescent arc" lights above the house and 48 over the senate, shedding a mellow glow without glare. The heating is by both direct and indirect radiation, there being steam radiators under all the windows and in the corridors, while for both houses a blower system in the cellar supplies fresh air through tempering coils. This air is drawn down and out of the chambers, so that it is said to be completely changed every ten minutes. Eventually under every chair will be an air "exhaust." The direct heat is kept at a uniform degree as wanted, by thermostats. Two of the proposed four electric elevators are ready for use.

Rough brick walls like those of a great factory present an uninviting aspect to the state legislators. The best is not on the outside, however, for even in the unfinished state of things, the members, when in their respective chambers, will be thoroughly comfortable and enjoy more pleasing surroundings than the men longest in the state's service as lawmakers ever had in the old capitol or Grace church.

Even what is already erected is much larger every way than the old capitol. Their difference is best illustrated by the fact that the hall of each house is 20 feet longer and wider than the former, while the ceiling is 43 feet high, and the back building of six stories runs 40 feet further eastward, toward Fourth street, than the old two-story rear structure. Bigness is the first suggestion to newcomers, and the critics find no fault with material or workmanship. Acoustic tests by visitors in both halls indicated that speakers would be satisfied.

Nearly a year's delay was caused by the litigation which Attorney General McCormick started to confine the cost of a complete building to the original appropriation. The commission, which will shortly include William A. Stone in addition to Auditor General McCauley, State Treasurer Beacom and the two permanent members, Henry K. Boyer and S. J. M. McCarroll, claim a majority of them at least, that the present preparation for the legislature is in accordance with the supreme court's interpretation adverse to Mr. McCormick's view.

WILKINS.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 1899.

The administration is not so cocksure as it was that its bill for the increase and re-organization of the regular army, which, if it becomes a law, will increase our military expenditures, including pensions, to an amount largely exceeding that paid by any European government to maintain a great army on a war footing, and which is masquerading in the House as the Hull bill, can be put through the Senate. Consequently it is becoming more than a suspicion that the carrying out of the recent decision to muster out 50,000 of the volunteers is to be postponed and manipulated so as to get votes in the Senate for the army bill; and no large number of volunteers are likely to be mustered out until Senatorial pledges enough have been secured to make the passage of the bill certain, and it may be impossible to obtain those pledges, as strong endorsement of the Democratic opposition to the bill is coming from every direction. Of course, this sort of thing is hard on the volunteers, but the administration isn't worrying about that.

The Vanderbilt interests are not satisfied with owning one seat in the Senate—that promised by Boss Platt for Chauncey Dewey; they are out for another seat. The body of Senator Morrill, of Vermont, who died in Washington last week, and whose funeral will be held in the Senate chamber to-morrow, was hardly cold before the wires were being pulled to get Dr. Seward Webb, who married one of the Vanderbilt girls, and who acquired a residence in Vermont several years ago for the purpose of awaiting Senator Morrill's death, appointed to succeed him. This scheme will be watched with much interest, particularly as it has been a boast of Vermonters that the state has never had a rich Senator. Perhaps the Vanderbilt who owns "Biltmore," in North Carolina, also has an eye on the Senate.

It strikes the average man, who has no prejudice in the matter, that the protection editors, whose papers are among the 157 dailies which comprise the American newspaper Publishers' Association, were very illogical when they signed an argument, to be presented to the Anglo-American Joint High Commission, asking that newspaper, which now has a duty of \$6.00 a ton, and that mechanically ground wood pulp, which now has a duty of \$1.67 a ton, be admitted from Canada free of duty. The argument goes on to say that the duty on paper and wood pulp acts solely for the benefit of the paper trust, which is unquestionably true, just as the duty on many other things acts for the benefit of other trusts, the most of which could not possibly exist under free trade. For a protection paper to ask for free trade for the paper it buys and a high tariff on things which others buy, is equivalent to a man saying, "tread on everybody else as much as you please, as long as my toes are spared." These gentlemen should bear in mind that the average man can see through their selfishness, and that if free trade in paper and pulp is a good thing, it must be equally good in everything else. It has been the favoring of particular interests that has disgusted so many with every protective tariff we have had. The theory that every man should be allowed to buy where he can buy the cheapest is thoroughly good, but it isn't carried out by allowing one man that privilege and denying it to another. Equality before the law—the only real equality possible in any country—is the corner-stone of free government. Every man that lessens it weakens free government.

It seems from the reports of Gen. Otis that Aguinaldo will be unable to hold his government together long enough to be officially asked to step down and out by Gen. Otis. His Cabinet has resigned and he has not been able to form another, but that is no reason why a good enough government for the Philippines would not be formed from the educated and well-to-do natives, if this government chose to lend a hand in doing so. Aguinaldo is an adventurer, who was a priest's servant only a few years ago, and who has been seeking only his own gain, not the welfare of the Islands. He and several others of a kind sold out the Philippine insurgents for a sum in Spanish gold and then Aguinaldo stole the money from his fellow traitors.

Senator Perkins, of California, says he intends voting against the ratification.

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tion of the treaty of peace, unless instructed by the legislature of his state to vote for it. He said further: "I have very strong convictions on this subject, and am not endeavoring to draw an unnecessarily dark picture when I say that a general reaction against expansion is now going on all over the country, and before a great while we will be brought face to face with a realization of the fact that we have more momentous problems to solve right here at home, without going to the far-off Philippines in search of material with which to establish a colonial policy. I am quite sure that other Republican Senators are as much opposed to the policy of expansion, as announced by the President, as I am. I am convinced that the more our practical business men ponder the subject, the more they will be impressed with the belief that we do not desire, nor do we need, the Spanish colonies of the Pacific or the West Indies."

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ROOSEVELT TAKES THE REINS AT ALBANY.

Thousands Witness the Ceremony. Oath Administered for the Second Time. The Scene in the Legislative Chamber, Gov. Roosevelt's Inaugural Address.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Governor Roosevelt was inaugurated at 11:30 o'clock Monday, taking the oath of office for the second time, having been sworn in on Saturday by John M. Palmer, formerly secretary of state.

Hundreds of persons saw the new governor sworn in and thousands more witnessed the ceremonies that attended the inauguration.

Ten o'clock was the hour set for the ceremony to begin, but long before that time the crowds had begun to climb the hill leading to the Capitol and the steps and approaches to the state building were thronged with an eager multitude.

At ten o'clock the staff of the new governor went to the executive mansion, and a few minutes later Major General Roe and his staff made their appearance.

At eleven o'clock the guard of honor, which was composed of Squadron A, in charge of Captain Bridgman, and the One Hundred and Tenth Battalion of Albany, under Major Hyatt, marched to the mansion to escort the governor and his staff to the Capitol.

At the western entrance to the Capitol the governor and his aides left their carriages and went at once to the executive chamber, where they were met by ex-Governor Black and his staff.

The incoming and outgoing state officers had also gathered in the room, and almost immediately after the arrival of Governor Roosevelt the party was formed into line by former Secretary of State Palmer, and the march to the assembly chamber was begun.

The route of the march, which lay along the southern corridor of the second floor to the grand western staircase, was patrolled by members of the 110th battalion.

The assembly chamber resembled anything but a legislative room when the state officials entered it. All the desks and railings had been removed and the entire auditorium had been used for the seating of visitors.

Over the speaker's desk at a height of about ten feet from the floor, a large platform had been built on which the ceremony of administering the oath took place.

The chamber was decorated elaborately in red, white and blue and gold. In the middle of the hall, directly over the platform, a large flag bearing the seal of the United States had been placed. In front and beneath the platform was a similar flag with the seal of the state of New York.

Behind the platform there were tapestries of crimson velvet lined with gold burlap, on which at intervals were placed groups of flags arranged in the form of shields and fastened to the tapestry with brass eagles.

Each column was festooned with red, white and blue bunting, and the windows were draped with the Stars and Stripes.

A military band had been stationed in one of the balconies, and before and during the ceremonies it enlivened the proceedings with music. On the platform were the wives and friends of the state officials.

The two front rows of chairs had been reserved for the inaugural party.

The procession entered through a doorway at the back of the platform, and the members took their places.

The secretary of state, Mr. McDonough, opened the proceedings. The Right Rev. William Crowell Doane, bishop of Albany, officiated at prayer, and then the new secretary of state administered the oath which made Theodore Roosevelt governor of the state of New York.

Ex-Governor Black, as he yielded the reins of government to Governor Roosevelt, made a little speech welcoming his successor.

After he had been sworn in the new governor advanced to the front of the platform and read his inaugural address. He said:

"I appreciate very deeply all you say, and the spirit that prompts you to say it. We have the same ends in view; we are striving to accomplish the same results; each of us, according to the light that is in him, seeking to advance the welfare of the people."

"A very heavy responsibility rests upon the governor of New York state, a state of seven million inhabitants, of great wealth, of widely varied industries, and with a population singularly diversified, not merely in occupation, but in race, origin, in habits of life, and in ways of thought. It is not an easy task so to frame our laws that justice may be done to all alike in such a population, so many of whom have interests that seem entirely antagonistic."

"But upon the great and fundamental issues of good government there must always be a unity of interest among all persons who wish well to the commonwealth."

"There is much less need of genius or of any special brilliancy in the administration of our government than there is need of such homely virtues and qualities as common sense, honesty and courage."

"There are very many difficult problems to face, some of which are as old as government itself, while others have sprung into being in consequence of the growing complexity and steadily increasing tension of our social life for the last two generations. It is not given to any man or to any set of men, to see with absolutely clear vision into the future. All that can be done is to face the facts as we find them, to meet each difficulty in practical fashion and to strive steadily for the betterment both of our civic and our social conditions."

"We must realize on the one hand that we can do little if we do not set ourselves a high ideal, and, on the other, that we will fail in accomplishing even this little if we do not work through practical methods and with a readiness to face life as it is, and not as we think it ought to be."

"Under no form of government is it so necessary thus to combine efficiency and morality, high principle and rough common sense, justice and the

sturdiest physical and moral courage, as in a republic. It is absolutely impossible for a republic long to endure if it becomes either corrupt or cowardly; if its public men, no less than its private men, lose the indispensable virtue of honesty. If its leaders of thought become visionary dreamers, or if it shows a lack of courage in dealing with the many grave problems which it must surely face both at home and abroad, as it strives to work out the destiny meet for a mighty nation."

"It is only through the party system that free governments are now successfully carried on, and yet we must keep ever vividly before us that the usefulness of a party is strictly limited by its usefulness to the state, and that in the long run he serves his party best who most helps to mislead it instantly responsive to every need of the people and to the highest demands of that spirit which tends to drive us onward and upward."

"It shall be my purpose, so far as I am given strength, to administer my office with an eye single to the welfare of all the people of this great commonwealth."

The ceremony was closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Doane.

As the procession again formed and started for the executive chamber, the band played "America."

In the executive chamber Governor Roosevelt presented the members of his staff with their commissions.

GOV. HASTINGS SPEAKS PLAINLY. The State Treasury Scandal. Better Bait for Law Makers.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Governor Daniel H. Hastings, who will retire on January 17, sent his annual message to the legislature yesterday.

The message shows the state revenues for the year ended November 30, 1902, to have been \$13,324,120, and the expenditures \$13,973,306. The public debt is \$9,815,290, to the credit of which there is a sinking fund of \$5,789,317. The net debt of the state is, therefore, only \$4,025,973, no part of which can be paid until 1912.

Concerning the state treasury the governor says:

The management of the state treasury has for many years been the subject of public criticism. While it may be true the state has lost no money deposited in the various banks throughout the commonwealth, it cannot be questioned that in the past the public funds have been used for political purposes by depositing them in favorite banks, where such deposits were expected to yield returns in the shape of political influence. This system cannot be defended. It should not be in the power of any man to say that banks shall handle the millions of dollars that are annually paid into the state treasury. It would be far better for the state to receive no interest upon deposits rather than to suffer a system to continue which can be used for political purposes, and it is submitted that the evil will never be corrected until the state keeps its own money in its own vaults, as do many of the states and as is done by the United States.

The governor criticizes the new state capital. The new building, he says, in its present condition "is hardly fit for human habitation, much less the official abode of the representatives of the great commonwealth."

"There are scores of farmers' houses in Pennsylvania more attractive in appearance than this building. It is made of common brick embedded in cheap mortar, looks like a hastily erected factory building and is repulsive to the eye. Although the act of the assembly requires that the building shall be 'made as nearly fireproof as possible,' the roof and most of the interior fittings are as combustible as

EX-GOV. BLACK TURNS TO LAW. He Comes Here Prepared for Practice of His Profession.

New York, Jan. 4.—Ex-Gov. Frank S. Black started yesterday on his career as a New York lawyer. Immediately after Governor Roosevelt had been installed in office, Mr. Black began preparations for his momentous departure in professional life. He telegraphed his partners, ex-Judge W. M. K. Olcott and Abraham Gruber, that he would be on hand yesterday ready for work.

Yesterday morning he left his old home on Ida Hill, in the city of Troy, and boarded the 10:30 train for New York. After a lunch at the Holland House, where he will make his home for the present, he came down town and at 3 o'clock was ready for business.

It is the ex-governor's intention to return to Troy every Friday evening during the winter and spring. Four days of the week he will be at the Holland House. Mr. and Mrs. Black live during the summer in the Berkshire Hills.

The new firm, the title of which is Black Olcott, Gruber and Bonynge, have a handsome suite of offices on the fifth floor of the Singer building, No. 149 Broadway. The ex-governor's room faces Broadway.

The Year at the Mint. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—More money has been coined during the past year at the Philadelphia mint than any time since 1890. The total coinage during 1898 was 100,258,433 pieces, valued at \$27,654,452.39. Of this there was coined a subsidiary coinage valued at \$1,770,359.75.

Besides this, the mint coined for the government of San Domingo during 1898 511,573 pesos, a coin about the size of an American dollar.

Orders have been received to turn out two hundred thousand more of these coins. Superintendent Boyer started yesterday to coin \$40,000,000 of the gold dollar which lies in the vaults of the mint.

Of this three million dollars will be coined into double eagles and the remainder into such denominations as the treasury department may order.

Anti-Tax Blots in Sicily. London, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch from Rome says that a mob of four thousand people has destroyed the internal revenue sentry boxes and stoned the gendarmes around Niscemi, Sicily, as a protest against excessive taxation. A number of persons were wounded.

TO PAY CUBAN SOLDIERS.

The United States Will Assume the Obligation and Charge it Against Cuba's Revenues.

Negotiations are progressing in the matter of the payment of Cuban troops so that on laying down their arms they may be enabled to enter upon civil pursuits and earn their living. Probably no further appropriation by Congress will be necessary to enable the President to carry out the plan if it should be decided, as it probably will be, to advance money, charging it against the revenues of Cuba, to pay the Cubans part of the money due them for their service in the Cuban army.

The debt is not an obligation resting upon the United States but is one for which the Cuban Government will be obligated on its establishment on an independent basis. Pending the establishment of a permanent government, there is no authority responsible for the payment of these soldiers, and unless this government advances the money as a loan they will have to go for an indefinite period without pay for their services already rendered in the war of independence.

Oddities in Print.

Some butterflies have as many as 20,000 distinct eyes. Many insects hear and breathe with the same apparatus.

There are three newsy little American papers in Manila. In South America there is a race of cats which do not know how to mew.

Nearly all skin diseases are supposed to be caused by microscopic insects.

The American Bible Society has sent 3,500 Spanish New Testaments to Santiago, Cuba.

If a man were to leap as far in proportion to his size as a flea, he could jump seventy six miles.

Over one hundred persons disappeared in London every year without leaving the slightest trace behind them.

The Salvation Army was thirty-three years old the other day.

The pantries at Windsor Castle contain gold and silver plate valued at \$7,500,000.

Judge Mayer, of the Clinton district, has filed an opinion in a Lycoming county case which must have interest for County Commissioners, politicians and taxpayers alike.

The County Commissioners were sued to recover certain moneys allowed them by the County Auditor, which moneys, it was alleged by some taxpayers, were illegally given them. The opinion of Judge Mayer decides that money paid for ice for Court House offices must be refunded by the Commissioners, and that these further sums must also be refunded: "\$50 for clerk hire for Jury Commissioners, \$50 for attorney for Auditors, and \$40 for individual expenses of Commissioners in attending State convention."

As like expenses are allowed by nearly all County Auditors, Judge Mayer's opinion may be taken advantage of by other counties to reduce the expenses of maintaining some of their officials.

State Certificates for Teachers.

To secure uniformity and attain a higher efficiency among school teachers throughout the State, Representative W. W. Nesbit, of Pittsburg, will introduce a bill at the coming session of the Legislature to change the present system of granting permanent certificates. It is proposed by this bill to create a Teachers Certificate Committee. To secure a certificate, teachers must undergo an examination on questions submitted through a local board of five, by the state superintendent. The latter will pass on the answers and award the state certificate to those entitled to them. These certificates will not invalidate the present permanent certificates, and will be recognized all over the state.

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George Washington seems to have been perfectly willing to pay handsomely for a "shine." Marcus Taylor, a negro of Magnolia, Ark., claims to be 115 years old. He is remarkably well preserved, and his hearing is good. He says he remembers Washington well, and at one time blackened his boots, for which he received 35 cents.

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Mrs. AMOS THOMBLEY, Ellenville, Ctr., N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1899.

QUAY MAY BE BEATEN.

The Republican caucus, held on Monday night, for the nomination of a United States Senator, was attended by 109 Senators and Representatives, and Quay was nominated. But this number is 19 short of enough to elect him. Fifty-eight Republicans remained out of the caucus, pledged not to vote for Quay until the Supreme Court decided his motion for delay in the criminal proceedings in the Philadelphia Courts. Should these fifty-eight hold out, and the Democrats use good judgment and stick together, Quay may yet be defeated.

JUDGE HERRING.

Judge Grant Herring retired from the Bench on Saturday last, the term for which he was appointed having expired. He was on the Bench nearly five months, and held two regular terms of Court in this and Montour counties, and held Court for other Judges in Carbon and Lackawanna counties. During his short incumbency he impressed all who observed his course, with the dignity of his bearing, the readiness of his rulings, his courtesy to counsel, and his legal learning. No one ever doubted that he had the ability to make a most excellent Judge, and he has proved it to be true.

CREASY FOR SPEAKER.

At the caucus held by the Democratic members of the legislature on Monday, William T. Creasy was unanimously nominated for Speaker of the House. This was done after fusion had failed and with the understanding that if there was any chance for a fusion candidate, the Democratic nominee would withdraw.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be sent by this assembly of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives to meet the independent Republicans of the legislature and that they be and are hereby authorized to notify and inform the independent Republicans that the seventy-four Democratic members are now ready to unite with them in a fusion movement to organize the House of Representatives and that the said committee be further authorized to receive and report to the chairman of the meeting any answer that said independent Republicans may make to the proposition herein contained.

The committee called at the rooms of the independent Republican committee, and were there told that the promises to furnish them with pledges of Democratic members had not kept, and that many Republicans in favor of fusion had promised to vote for Farr because of this failure. Farr was nominated by the Republican caucus, for Speaker.

"PENNSYLVANIA'S CHOICE."

It is becoming more and more difficult, requiring more and more labor, for Matthew Stanley Quay to make the people realize he is their choice for anything he wants. They have, of late years, been inclined to believe he should have what he doesn't want, and he has been compelled on more than one occasion to hold out convincing inducements for a change of opinion.

The "old man" is at present working himself and his lieutenants and his bank account hard to make a mutinous party understand that it is not for him for re-election first, last and all the time. He is laboring every hour in the day for a spontaneous vindication of his private and political acts. He announces himself as Pennsylvania's choice with as much enthusiasm as any one of the tailors of Tooley street could and with twice as much assurance. It is desperately hard work to make Pennsylvania realize it never thought of choosing anybody else.

Nobody but Pennsylvania's choice can be elected to the Senate. Wherefore, then, the costly illuminations, the brass bands and red fire and buttonholings, the "seeing" of legislators, the scheming and the electioneering for the "old man"? Why the "sooner" caucus? "Pennsylvania's choice" can be elected without all these.

Still, Quay says he is Pennsylvania's choice, and inscribes his belief on a

hotel front more brilliant and more free to public observation than the "old man's" record. Pennsylvania is probably having fun with him. It has accused him of crimes and misdemeanors and insists upon trying him for these. Meanwhile Quay has the hardest job of his life to make the state understand it has never dissembled its love for him, even when trying to kick him out of office.—*Patriot.*

DEMOCRATS FOR FUSION.

Representatives Creasy and Chrisman went to Harrisburg last Friday. The *Patriot* quotes Mr. Creasy as follows, on the question of fusion: Representative Creasy said:

I am confident that every Democratic member of the lower house will stand by fusion. I have direct and positive information which warrants me in making this statement. There is no doubt that the Quay people are greatly alarmed, and they are trying to cloak their dismay with a pretense of boldness and courage. Their claims and bluff should deceive no one. The inroads that have been made upon their forces within the past twenty-four hours may well make them shiver with fright.

The stories sent out from this city and Philadelphia this morning giving the names of some fifteen Democrats opposed to fusion is a falsehood made out of the whole cloth. I have with me the signed pledges of a number of those named binding them to fusion, and others named I have conversed with who have assured me beyond any manner of doubt that they earnestly favor it. Unless sickness or death prevents there will be seventy-four Democrats in attendance at our caucus on Monday night ready to join the independent forces and not one of these will falter in the performance of his duty to his party and his state.

The fitness of General Koontz for the speakership, his honesty and his ability can be questioned by no one. With him as the presiding officer, supported by the Democratic and independent votes, good legislation would surely follow and the people be the beneficiary. The members would go back to their homes satisfied with their work, commended by their constituents and applauded by the honest press of the commonwealth.

The Democratic members have heard with indignation the threats of the Quay managers that any one who favors fusion will in the event of its failure be humiliated in the house, denied membership on important committees and have legislation affecting his immediate constituency frustrated. Such threats terrify none of us. We have been sent here to do our duty and we defy the head boss and all his cohorts. Not one inch will we be swerved from the straight line through promises of place or power or by fear of punishment.

ALL FAVOR FUSION.

A full meeting of the executive committee of the Democratic state press association was held in the parlors of the Commonwealth hotel, Harrisburg, at four o'clock last Friday afternoon. There were present Jere Zeamer, of the *Carlisle Volunteer*, presiding; W. P. Hastings, of the *Milton Record*, who was chosen assistant secretary and treasurer of the organization; P. Gray Meek, of the *Bellefonte Watchman*; J. Irvin Steel, of the *Ashland Evening Telegram*; G. E. Elwell of the *Bloomsburg Columbian*, and D. A. Orr of the *Patriot*. The meeting was a protracted one and while the discussions were animated they were harmonious.

The conference was held behind closed doors but President Zeamer stated that most important business had been transacted and some grave action taken with bearing upon the senatorial question. Each of the editors present favored fusion on the speakership and if a Democrat cannot be elected senator it was the unanimous expression that the Democratic legislators should make every proper effort to unite with the independent Republicans on John Wannamaker. After the adjournment one of the editors said: "We have the most positive assurances that every Democratic member of the legislature will favor fusion. Likewise are we assured that under no circumstances will any Democratic member of either branch favor Quay. We have had a careful canvass made of the views of the doubtful members and we do not hesitate to say that no Democratic legislator will either directly or indirectly favor Senator Quay's return. We had abundant private information submitted to us this evening to convince us that Mr. Quay is a beaten candidate and that if the Democrats continue as firm in the faith as they now are Mr. Wannamaker can be made his successor."

This association is rapidly gaining in membership and it is now recognized as one of the controlling factors in the Democratic organization. A meeting of the entire body has been called in Harrisburg for Tuesday, January 17.

After the Fever

Little Girl Was Weak and Could Not Eat—Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Her Appetite and Strength—Eczema Disappearing.

"My little girl was sick for several months with typhoid fever, and after she got over it she was weak and did not eat. My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength—and it did. She had taken it only a short time when she was well and strong. Everyone who sees her is surprised at her improvement because she was so weak and thin, but now is fat and healthy. I am giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla now for eczema and the trouble is fast disappearing. My husband has taken it for rheumatism and it has done him good." Mrs. CLINTON B. CORN, Buckingham Valley, Pennsylvania.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
 Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. Price, \$1; six for \$5.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of writs of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, State of Pennsylvania, and so directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, county and State aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, '99, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following real estate:

PARCELS No. 1. Designated as the Ingram Mill, more fully described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southeast corner of Fifth and Leonard streets, thence along south side of Fifth street north 64 degrees, 30 minutes east four hundred forty-nine and one-tenth feet to a stake on land of R. & B. R. H., thence along same south 35 degrees, 50 minutes east two hundred and five feet to corner of Tapestry Plant, thence along same south 64 degrees, 30 minutes west seventy-nine feet to a stake, thence along same south 35 degrees, 10 minutes east one hundred and twenty and thirty-four hundredths feet to a stake corner of Spinning Plant, thence along same south 64 degrees, 30 minutes west three hundred and sixty-nine feet to Leonard street, thence along same north 24 degrees, 10 minutes west three hundred and twenty-five and thirty-four hundredths feet to the place of beginning, whereon is erected a four-story

BRICK INGRAIN CARPET MILL, a three-story brick engine, boiler and drying house, barn and out buildings.

PARCELS No. 2. Designated as the Tapestry Plant, more fully described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the line of R. & B. R. H., one hundred and ninety feet north of Sixth street at a corner of Ingram Carpet Mill, thence along the same south 64 degrees and 30 minutes west seventy-nine feet to a stake, thence south 35 degrees and 10 minutes east one hundred and sixty-two and sixty-six hundredths feet to the corner of Dye room, thence along same north 64 degrees and 30 minutes east seventy-nine feet to line of R. & B. R. H., thence along same north 25 degrees and 10 minutes east one hundred and forty-one and five-tenths feet to the place of beginning, whereon is erected

A BRICK WEAVING SHED, used in the manufacture of Tapestry Carpets.

PARCELS No. 3. Designated as the Dry Room or Color shop, more fully described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the north side of Sixth street, corner of R. & B. R. H.; thence along same north twenty five degrees, 10 min., west forty eight and five tenths feet to a corner of Tapestry plant; thence along same south 64 degrees and 30 minutes west seventy-nine feet to a stake corner of Spinning Mill; thence along same fifty-three and five tenths feet to a point on north side of Sixth street fifty-two feet from place of beginning; thence along same fifty-two feet to the place of beginning; whereon is erected a one-story

BRICK COLOR SHOP.
PARCELS No. 4. Designated as the Spinning Mill. More fully described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on north-east corner of the intersection of Sixth and Leonard streets, thence along Leonard street, north 25 degrees, 10 minutes west sixty-nine and sixty-six hundredths feet to corner of Ingram Plant, thence along same north 64 degrees, 30 minutes west three hundred and sixty-nine and four-tenths feet to Tapestry Plant, thence along same south 25 degrees, 10 minutes east twenty-one and sixteen-hundredths feet to corner of dye room; thence along same fifty-three and five-tenths feet to line of sixth street; thence south 64 degrees, 30 minutes west three hundred and ninety-seven and one-tenth feet to place of beginning, whereon is erected a three-story

BRICK BUILDING, with basement used in spinning yarns. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of C. C. Peacock, trustee and James Magee and, trustee vs. the Magee Carpet Works, and to be sold as the property of the Magee Carpet Works.

C. W. MILLER, W. W. BLACK,
 Atty. Sheriff.

PUBLIC SALE.

—OF VALUABLE—

REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County the real estate of Reuben J. Kester, situate in the township of Greenwood, County aforesaid, will be exposed to public sale by the undersigned on the premises on

THURSDAY, JAN. 19th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. Two pieces or parcels of land bounded and described as follows to wit:
 No. 1. Bounded by lands of Alfred Heacock, S. A. Bangs, I. D. Patton, E. Welliver, Ellis Herr, Virgil Hobbes and others. Containing 19 acres and 180 perches of land, upon which are erected a full and complete set of

FARM BUILDINGS, together with all necessary improvements to make it a most desirable home.

No. 2. Bounded by lands of George Heacock, Wesley Morris, William Cox, Michael Hance, Wm. E. Heacock and others. Containing

THIRTY-SIX (36) ACRES and 18 perches, situate measure more or less. Terms of Sale:—\$2000 of the purchase money to remain secured in the premises by bond and mortgage with interest payable annually, and principal upon death of Mary Ann Kester. The balance payable as follows: 10 per cent. of 14 upon striking down of the property, 34 less 10 per cent. upon the confirmation of the sale, and balance in one year thereafter with interest from date of confirmation. A. A. KESTER, 18-29 St. Committee of MARY ANN KESTER.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa., for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Bank on Tuesday, January 10th, 1899, between the hours of nine o'clock and 12 o'clock a. m. E. B. TUSTIN, Cashier.

Star Clothing House

During the Month of January, will offer
Special Reductions in All Winter Goods
 Must be sold to make room for Spring Goods.

WE WILL OFFER BIG BARGAINS IN
STORM COATS AND ULSTERS,
 FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Come and see the
Big Bargains in Winter Caps
 At Townsend's Star Clothing House.

CUT SALE AFTER STOCK TAKING.

We have just finished taking stock, and we find it larger than it ought to be. There is only one way to reduce it, and that is to put the knife into it. We do not intend to figure on cost, but what price will move the goods.

This sale will commence January 4th, and last until January 15th.

25 pieces of Dress Goods that have never been sold for less than 56c. per yard, and one of the best makes we can buy, go at this sale for 28c. per yard. Don't miss these.

A lot of All Wool Cloths, worth from 25 to 50c., at 19c. Ladies' Muslin Underwear, at prices that will save you money. Drawers, at 12 1-2c., worth 25c. pair. Night Robes, at 25c., worth 50c.

Muslin, 36 inches wide, unbleached, as heavy as Appleton A, 10 yards for 49c.; 10 yards of fine unbleached Muslin, 36 inches wide, 34c.; 10 yards of Hill Muslin, 49c.; 9-4 Unbleached Sheeting, best goods, worth 20c., we will sell at this sale at 15c.

Men's Underwear, worth 50c., for 25c., as long as it lasts.

Silverware, 25 per cent. off.

China, 33 1-3 per cent. off until January 15th, 1899.

We will put on sale a lot of Ladies' Shoes, not all sizes, at 98c. A lot of Men's Shoes at 98c.

A lot of the best makes in Shoes, and the newest toes, one lot worth \$3.50, at \$2.98, and one lot, worth \$2.75, at \$2.49.

If you are going to buy a Bed Room Suit this Spring we can save you money, if you buy it by January 15th.

Broom Corn has advanced from \$60.00 to \$140.00 per ton. We have some brooms on hand and our customers will get the benefit of it. Brooms, worth 35c., we will sell for 19c., until January 15th, 1899.

F. P. PURSEL.

Eaglesmere A Borough.

According to the Eaglesmere Chautauqua for Jan. 1 Eaglesmere is now a borough, having been incorporated but recently. A new hotel, in the Chautauqua grounds, to cost \$12,000, is now under way. Many new cottages are to be erected and will no doubt be completed by July 10.

The Y. M. C. A. State association Bible conference will be held at the Chautauqua grounds July 15 to 23, 1899, and the fourth season of the Chautauqua assembly will begin July 25 and close Aug. 23.

The management of the Eaglesmere Chautauqua anticipate an exceptionally bright season next year.

POLITICAL CARDS.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
 J. C. RUTTER, JR.,
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
 C. A. SMALL,
 of Catawissa.

The above announcements are all subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention, to be held Tuesday, June 13th, 1899. Primary election, Saturday, June 10, 3 to 7 p. m.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election by the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on Tuesday, January 10th, 1899, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon.

A. H. BLOOM, Cashier.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF J. M. C. RANCE, LATE OF SCOTT TWP. COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA., DECEASED.

In the matter of the first and second partial accounts of Charles W. Dawson, executor of J. M. C. Rance, deceased.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to make distribution of balance in hands of Philip Sider, executor of the estate of Mathias Sider, late of Catawissa township, deceased, will meet the parties interested, at his office, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Friday, January 21, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested will attend, or be forever debarred from any share of said fund.

B. F. ZAKH, Auditor.

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day.

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THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1899.

Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa. as second class matter, March 1, 1888.

A Free Book.

Every subscriber who pays all arrears, and one year in advance, will be presented with the *Thrice-a-Week World* for 3 months, or a *World Almanac* for 1899. The *Almanac* contains a marvellous compendium of useful facts, and a complete history of the Spanish-American war, and a battle calendar.

To New Subscribers

For \$1.00 we will send THE COLUMBIAN until January 1st, 1900, and the *Thrice-a-Week World* for three months, or a copy of the *World Almanac* for 1899. Subscribe now and get the benefit of this liberal offer.

We have received the latest sample book of society address cards and are prepared to supply cards with beautiful designs and in great variety to Masons of all degrees, Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Junior O. U. A. M., G. A. R., Union Veteran League, Sons of Veterans, Royal Arcanum, P. O. S. of A. Also cards for Firemen, Christian Endeavors and many other organizations. Call and see samples.

Calendars for 1899.

Any subscriber to THE COLUMBIAN can get a handsome calendar for 1899 by calling at this office. They are too large to send by mail without danger of breaking.

PURELY PERSONAL

L. Gross and wife spent Sunday with Danville friends.

William Wren of Lewistown, spent Sunday with relatives in Bloomsburg.

John Lazarus of Mt. Carmel, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Mary Kester, visited with Hazleton relatives the past week.

Robert Burns preached in the Lutheran church Sunday evening.

Edward Sleppy of Kingston, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

James C. Brown transacted business at the State Capitol this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Magill spent New Years in Philadelphia.

Dr. D. J. Waller of Indiana, Pa., visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Clarence Hower has accepted a position with Tooley and Foulke, grocers.

Robert B. Grotz visited Myron Geddes and family at Northumberland over Sunday.

Miss Mame Foy returned on Friday from Duryea, where she had been visiting her parents.

John L. Woods, foreman of the "Republican" office is confined to the house, a victim of the gripe.

Charles T. Bowser and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. Snyder at the Exchange Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kirk of Watsonstown, have been visiting the latter's parents in town the past week.

Lawrence Tooley, proprietor of Bloomsburg's new grocery store is confined to the house by illness.

J. B. Yetter, William F. Stohner and H. J. Denotti, County auditors are going over the accounts this week.

Joseph Rhein spent a few days in town the past week. He is engaged in the bakery business at Phillipsburg.

POINTS TO REMEMBER.

WE HAVE

300 styles Sterling Silver Novelties.

40 styles Hand Painted China.

500 styles Gifts in Leather.

500 styles Fine Perfumery.

50 styles Hand Painted blotters, &c.

Huyler's Confections

80 cents.

Lowney's Chocolates

60c.

BEAUTIFUL ART STUDY FREE

With each dollar purchase of perfume.

W. S. Rishton, Ph. G.,

Opocette P. C. Pharmacist

Telephone No 1073411

A. J. Berninger of Millville, was in town on Monday. He says it was eighteen degrees below zero at his place.

H. A. McKillip Esq., was in Harrisburg several days this week, attending the opening proceedings of the legislature.

Elmer Pearson of the Williamsport "Grit," spent Sunday in town. He made this office a pleasant call on Monday.

Mrs. Erath and daughter, Miss Bertha of Wilkesbarre, spent a few days with Mrs. Erath's mother, Mrs. Hassert on Catharine street the past week.

Mrs. Mary Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Phillips and Mrs. Ent and daughter, Miss Minnie, took New Years dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mears at Rupert.

Mrs. Henry Deitrich and Miss Bertha Hagenbuch attended the wedding of Mr. J. V. Hagenbuch and Miss Jennie Kelley at Shickshinny on Wednesday evening of last week.

Chris Reice, son of our townsman Chas. Reice, who was a volunteer in Company F Twelfth Regiment, and who received an honorable discharge, has gone to join the regular army.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

We are indebted to the First National Bank for a handsome 1899 calendar.

Life insurance is a good thing but health insurance, by keeping the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, is still better.

Robert Buckingham will sell at public sale, on January 7th, 1899, the property on the corner of East and Third streets, at the Court House, at one o'clock p. m.

The funeral of Mrs. Jonathan Bachman, a notice of whose death appeared in our last issue, took place from the house, Sunday afternoon. Interment in the new cemetery.

Bread, baked from the Leader Flour, received first and second premiums at the late County Fair. This flour is manufactured by Ickler & Fleckenstine, and has a wide reputation.

B. W. Cumming Jr., District Attorney-elect of Schuylkill county, on Monday morning declined to take oath of office, and the court appointed Guy E. Farquhar to fill the office for the ensuing term.

The "Midnight Alarm" played to a very small assemblage of people at the Opera House Tuesday night. It was on the barn storming order. Those who remained at home did not miss a great deal.

Hon. G. W. Bartch, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Utah, called upon his numerous friends in town yesterday. He is well known in this section, and is a one time resident of the county. He graduated from the Normal School in 1871.

All persons who are interested in social events, church entertainments or any other functions of an auxiliary character, dissociated from private interests are requested to send the same to THE COLUMBIAN, for publication. All such communications are welcome and will always be printed.

A grip epidemic is threatened in Wilkesbarre. Hundreds of people are down with the disease. Mayor Nicols has issued a proclamation urging citizens to thoroughly clean their premises, as he has been advised by an eminent physician that where filth is plenty there will be plenty of grip.

It is said the Capital Building Commission will ask the next Legislature for an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to complete the new State House. It is not believed the proposed work on the building can be finished for several years, as it will require a long time for the stone facing to be quarried and prepared for use.

The weather prognosticator who last week said this winter would be noted for its mildness, must have been out the night before, or else he's a poor guesser. Sunday night was undoubtedly the coldest we have had for many years, the thermometer registered 14 degrees below zero. It is said to have been twenty-five below at Millville and 28 at Jamison City.

Hon. F. Carroll Brewster of Philadelphia, Attorney-General of the State during Gov. Geary's term, died suddenly on the cars, near Charlotte, North Carolina, while on his way south for his health. He was one of the most distinguished lawyers of the State. Some years ago he visited Bloomsburg, and appeared in court as counsel for Simon P. Kase.

J. C. Rutter, Jr., announces his name as a candidate for Register and Recorder, in this issue. He is too well known in this county to need an introduction, having been engaged in the newspaper business for nearly thirteen years. He has many friends, and will make a strong run. He comes of a Democratic family, and has rendered good service to the party himself, and he now feels that his services should be recognized.

The Sixth Annual Gymnastic Exhibition of the Normal School will take place Friday evening January 13th.

Michael M. Hartzell while working on a new house on East Fourth street last week, fell from the structure and broke his arm.

William Stoker died at his home in Franklin township Sunday night, after a brief illness, aged sixty-six years. He has resided in that township for many years and was well and favorably known. The funeral will take place to-day.

A basket ball team to represent Bloomsburg, was organized last Friday night, with the following players: Thomas B. Moore, Robert Young, Frank Miller, Ben. Vannatta and another player whose name was not given us. Warren H. Eyer was chosen manager. A series of games has been arranged with the Normal team, which no doubt will be interesting.

Absolutely pure is the claim made in every advertisement of the Royal Baking Powder and absolutely pure is the verdict of every housekeeper in the land using the Royal. It is the standard among baking powders, worth the price sold at, because of its purity, healthful bread-making qualities and the strength that makes a small quantity go a long way. No trouble about delicious biscuit and pastry when the Royal is used.

We are presenting to all our readers who call at the office for them, a handsome calendar for the year upon which we have just entered. A calendar is almost a necessity in every household. It will remind our readers of the great flight of time and the name of the paper which they read and which we strive to make worthy of considerate attention.

George Appleman, of Rohrsburg, has been in town this week with a fine line of sleighs. The snowfall of Saturday night was a great boon to his business. On Tuesday morning he disposed of three handsome ones and later in the day he was obliged to send home for more. George is just as good at selling sleighs as he is at pitching quoits, and we know something of his ability in that direction.

Two columns of plate matter were printed on the first page two weeks ago that would have been rejected if it had been read before insertion. It related to the election of a United States Senator. We supposed that it was furnished by the Democratic State Committee, as was done during the fall campaign, and so published it without reading it. On perusal we find that it represents neither our views, nor those of the party, and we therefore frankly admit that we were imposed upon by somebody, but have not been able to locate it exactly.

Following are the officers elected by Theta Castle, No. 276, K. G. E., of Bloomsburg, for the ensuing six months: Past Chief, A. Fortune; Noble Chief, Joe Townsend; Vice Chief, H. R. Moyer; High Priest, J. S. Blue; Venerable Hermit, J. R. Jones; Master of Records, John W. Lewis; Clerk of Exchequer, W. E. Shaffer; Keeper of Exchequer, C. W. Funston; Sir Herald, Ralph Gray; Worthy Chamberlain, Ben H. Vannatta; First Guardsman, Thos. B. Moore; Second Guardsman, Harry R. Ion; Trustee, 8 months, J. L. Shoemaker; Representative to the Grand Castle, J. L. Shoemaker.

Delicate Children

They do not complain of anything in particular. They eat enough, but keep thin and pale. They appear fairly well, but have no strength. You cannot say they are really sick, and so you call them delicate.

What can be done for them? Our answer is the same that the best physicians have been giving for a quarter of a century. Give them

Scoll's Emulsion

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. It has most remarkable nourishing power. It gives color to the blood. It brings strength to the muscles. It adds power to the nerves. It means robust health and vigor. Even delicate infants rapidly gain in flesh if given a small amount three or four times each day.

Scoll & Bowne, Chemists, New York.

"A Bachelor's Honeymoon" gave general satisfaction to a medium sized audience at the Opera House Friday night.

If the oscillatory exercise is as much of a disease breeder as physicians and sour-faced mothers of pretty daughters would have one believe, Hobson ought to be afflicted with every trouble to which human flesh is heir.

In the Lackawanna County Jail there is a prisoner named Gannon, who has been incarcerated there for three years for contempt of court. Gannon refused to testify in a civil case involving a title to land. A peculiarity of a commitment for contempt of court is that it is made without term and the prisoner must remain in jail until he purges himself of contempt. There is no indication, as yet, that Gannon purposes securing his release from confinement.

At Auction.

The entire stock of Gidding & Co. (formerly Jones & Walter), embracing about Six Thousand Dollars worth of Fine Shoes, Boots and Rubbers, for men, boys, women, misses and children, a stock gathered together from the very best makers in the United States.

The firm of Gidding & Co. is going out of business. The store is to be given up February 1st. Avail yourself this splendid opportunity to purchase Fine Footwear at a mere trifle. Every pair will be sold to the highest bidder—for cash.

Sale commences Saturday afternoon Jan. 7th, at 2 o'clock, and Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock, and will continue everyday until the stock is disposed of. Seats will be provided for ladies. Those wishing to purchase at private sale can come from 7 a. m. until 2 p. m. when the sale commences. Remember, every day at 2 p. m., every evening at seven p. m. until the stock is sold.

GIDDING & CO.
J. S. WILLIAMS, Auctioneer.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The clothing store will also sell everything, but at private sale, at and below maker's cost.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza foragings. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address: E. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago. 10-2-161.

Time is Up!

Begin the NEW YEAR by turning over a new leaf and providing yourself with a

NEW WATCH.

We have a magnificent assortment—all sizes and styles—including the new 12-size watch. Just as the hour glass and sun dial were made to take a back seat by the first watch, so also the heavy, bulky, old-fashioned watches have to yield to the neater, smaller, and more reliable watch. Call and

Look at Our Stock

It is a pleasure to show these goods.

J. E. ROYS, Jeweler.



If you have us take your family group we'll take good care of the sitting. Our reputation in this very difficult branch of photography assures you that it will be left in good hands. We make a specialty of children and family pictures. The quality of the work and the prices we quote make us friends all over the county.

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THIS STORE'S READY

With its festoons of holly garlanding gracefully every post and arch—appropriately decorated, suggestive of the season. The most generously assorted holiday stocks of useful goods, suitable for Christmas gift choosing. Read on.

Christmas Dress Goods.

For personal need or holiday thought, this stock is well ready. Time was when Dress Goods were pushed back to give prominence to trinkety stocks. Now the acceptableness of dress patterns is generally manifest.

45 in. all wool Henriettas, 50c yard.

45 in. Granite Suitings, 75c yard.

52 in. Venetian Suitings, \$1 yard.

Kid Gloves for Gifts.

Of course. What more acceptable to any lady? A really good Glove at 85c pair, our special SEAL KID Glove at 1.5 pair, and our reliable line of \$1 Gloves, give you a good line to select from, with a line of Children's Kid Gloves.

Christmas Umbrellas.

An Umbrella is an acceptable gift, to either lady or gent. Our line, suitable for both, is complete. At all prices.

Silverware and Jewelry.

These two stocks contain all the newest of the season. Tea spoons, knives and forks, table spoons, hollow ware, sterling silver novelties, cuff buttons, brooches, gold rings, manicure sets, &c.

Fur Collarettes and Scarfs.

For your own needs and gifts, at REDUCED PRICES. A good, warm and stylish gift, for a lady or miss.

DRESS GOODS AND COAT SALE.

We will continue our Special Coat and Dress Goods Sale. This gives you an opportunity to save money on your own needs, and for gift giving. See them. Big reduction in prices.

Christmas Petticoats.

A new line to-day. Something nice. Looks like silk, but

not silk. You should see them. Make a useful gift.

Silks for Gifts.

Waist lengths, dress lengths, skirt lengths. All the newest, and at reasonable prices.

20 inch taffetas, 75c yard.

20 inch black satin duchess, 90c yard.

27 inch black satin rhadames, 90c yard.

Christmas Hosiery.

Hosiery of the reliable, good wearing kinds. Make useful gifts. Our lines of ladies', gents' and children's, offer a good range to choose from, either by the pair or 4 doz, or 1 doz. pairs.

Blankets, Quilts and Curtains.

Are you looking for a gift for a housekeeper? There is usefulness attached to a gift of blankets, quilts, or curtains.

Linens as Gifts.

What more acceptable to any housekeeper than nice linens? This stock is ready for your choosing.

Coats and Capes

Always make acceptable gifts, and specially so when you can buy these goods at the BIG REDUCTION IN PRICES we have made on them.

Christmas Handkerchiefs.

Complete lines. All kinds. Plain, embroidered and initials. All prices, from 5c. up. See our special 25c. line.

Jersey and Wool Leggings.

A full line for ladies', misses' and children. Just what you need for this weather. A useful gift.

Framed pictures, easels, stools, screens, brass tables, jardiniere stands, fancy boxes, perfumery, toilet articles. See our 23c. fine perfumes. Cushion tops, cushions, fur floor rugs, baby carriage robes.

Children's Fur Sets.

New line. All kinds.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

The Year 1899 has struck us all "hard" by bringing down the thermometer below "zero." Our Capes and Coats will keep you warm—especially at our reduced prices.

If you want to know how many pieces of Black Dress Goods we have, and the prices of them, just call in and take a look. Plain, plaid, striped and figured.

The whole of our stock of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Linings, and all classes of goods have been re-arranged since Christmas.

Feather and Fur Boas are what the ladies should have for sleighriding. Our line is good and the prices have been cut for January sales.

The Coats, Capes and Collar.

Our new cash system may not be perfect until our clerks and customers get well accustomed to it. It will save many errors in exchanging or returning goods taken out on memorandum.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

SPECIAL SALE!

Now is the time to get bargains. During the next 30 days we will give you many goods at and below cost. Wool Dress Goods that was 25c, now 15c. Dress Goods, from 50c. to 30c. Do not miss these special sales. We have just received new supply of pretty Coats, Capes and Fur Collarettes for ladies. Fur sets for children.

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, from \$5.00 up.

Ladies' Coats, Capes, Separate Skirts. Coats for misses and children. In this line our stock is large. Prices low.

Ladies' Fur Collarettes, from \$2.00 up.

Our sales in Shoes increases daily. Ladies' Fine Shoes, from 79c. up. Gents' Fine Shoes, from 98c. up. Good Calicoes, 3c.

Good Muslin, 34c. Our stock of Underwear is complete. We handle the celebrated Leather brand Stockings for ladies, misses and boys. Corsets, for 24c. up.

Our Grocery Department is improving daily—adding new goods at better prices. Our whole stock is complete and prices always right. It will pay you to see our goods before you buy.

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ALFRED McHENRY Mgr.

NO FIGHT AT ILOILO.

GEN. OTIS THINKS A CONFLICT CAN BE AVOIDED.

Advices from the scene of trouble, 1st California Regiment Embarks in Transports at Manila Presumably for Iloilo, Gunboat Castine to the Philippines.

Manila, Jan. 4.—Advices from Iloilo were received here yesterday by the steamship Bolinao which left there on Sunday.

At the time of the departure of the Bolinao the insurgents were still in control of the city and no American troops had been landed.

The first California regiment embarked here at four o'clock yesterday afternoon on board the steamships Campania and Martima, presumably to report to General Miller at Iloilo. The steamships were conveyed by the gunboat Concord.

Though it has not been officially announced, it is supposed that the extension of American occupation will now be systematically begun in the southern islands.

General Rios, the Spanish governor of the Visayas, who arrived here yesterday from Zamboanga, on the island of Mindanao, where he took the Spanish troops when he evacuated Iloilo, visited General Otis in the afternoon. General Rios denies the imputation of his collusion with the insurgents, saying that he gave up only when he was ordered to do so by the government at Madrid.

Aguinado is evidently organizing his followers to oppose the Americans. Yesterday he hastily summoned the Philippine cabinet and congress to assemble.

The British gunboat Rattler left here yesterday for Iloilo and Cebu to protect English interests at those places.

Washington, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Major General Otis, dated at Manila, was read at the meeting of the cabinet yesterday morning, giving reassuring information in regard to the situation among the insurgents at Iloilo, island of Panay.

General Otis said that he believed the disquieting reports from the scene of the disturbance had already proved unwarranted, and he believed that a conflict of arms, at any rate, could be averted.

The dispatch was evidently based on direct and recent information from General Miller, the officer in charge of the United States troops sent from Manila to the Panay capital.

The belief now is that the moral effect of the presence of the United States soldiers will be sufficient to impress the insurgents with the folly of provoking an actual encounter with General Miller's forces, and that the native troops will therefore submit quietly to the authority of the United States.

In response to a suggestion from Admiral Dewey, and on account of the serious situation in the Philippines, the navy department yesterday ordered the gunboat Castine to Manila for use in shallow rivers and harbors. The Castine is at Havana and will proceed to the east by the Suez route.

Quay Carries Caucus.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Despite the efforts of the opponents of Senator Quay to obtain a postponement of the senatorial caucus, the adherents of the senior senator carried their point last night and secured the endorsement of their favorite by 109 of the 154 Republicans of the Pennsylvania legislature.

This is nineteen less than the number necessary to elect a United States senator on joint ballot, the total membership being 255, of which 128 is a majority.

Senator Martin was not present, but Senator Magee was, and it was on his motion that the nomination was made unanimous.

The anti-Quay leaders are jubilant over the result of the caucus and assert that the man they are fighting can never succeed himself in the Senate.

To Manufacture Corduroy.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 4.—The Charlton Manufacturing Company of this city, which has a mill at Pawtucket, has leased a mill of the United States Cotton Company at Central Falls, and will fit it up for the manufacture of corduroy, and will considerably increase its production.

The mill will accommodate several hundred hands.

The Hartford Evening Post.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 4.—The Times yesterday afternoon announced that the negotiations which have been pending for some time for the sale of the Hartford Evening Post have been practically completed.

An agreement is said to have been reached by which the controlling interest in the paper is to be transferred to E. L. and H. D. Clark of New Haven.

Fatal Fire at Providence.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 4.—A fire broke out in the building, No. 6 Lime street yesterday morning, and before all the eight families who were tenants in the house, could be rescued, Frank McDermott, twenty-four years of age, was suffocated, and Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien were overcome by smoke.

McDermott was rescued alive, but he died on the way to the hospital. Mrs. O'Brien is in a serious condition.

Cartridge Making in England.

London, Jan. 4.—It is announced that the Kynoch Company of Birmingham has begun making ten million cartridges for the United States, at the rate of one million weekly.

An American inspector examines the work, and profiting by the war experience, a special metal is used to prevent the cases from jamming in the barrels.

Drawing Trade to New York

New York, Jan. 4.—The Merchants' Association has made arrangements with the railroad by which round trip tickets can be bought for country merchants at one and one-third the single fare rate.

It is hoped that this will bring a flood of spring buyers to New York city.

A GRAND DUKE'S VISIT.

Cyril of Russia Talks Interestingly of the World's Affairs.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, cousin of the czar of Russia, who arrived in New York Monday night on his way to Europe after two years' duty in Chinese waters, visited the Russian Orthodox church, at No. 323 Second avenue, yesterday.

The grand duke's stay will be brief. He sails on the Fuertat Bismarck today, to attend the wedding of his sister, the Grand Duchess Helena, to Prince Maximilian of Saxe. The duke received the representatives of the press in the state parlor of the Waldorf-Astoria, which was profusely decorated with palms and roses. Lieutenant Koubie was in attendance.

The duke looks to be 25 or 27 years old. He is six feet tall and good looking. His face is rather feminine in feature. It is almost too perfectly oval for a man, and the high cheek bones of the typical Russian are absent. His eyes are large and very intelligent. His mouth is small, and he wears a little brown moustache that is not at all Russian. His hair is straight and brown and he wears it short.

His highness speaks good English, and speaks it as if bringing off orders—sharp, quick and curt.

The duke thinks that the American success in the late war with Spain, while it is a source of congratulation, will also bring about new obligations and burdens not easy to bear.

He believes that we will have much trouble with the natives in the Philippines. In fact, will have war with them sooner or later.

The presence of the United States in the Far East, he said, was entirely satisfactory to Russia, and would lead to peace in the Orient. The opposition of England to all Russian possession in China did not disturb his people. He thought the partition of China is only a question of time, and France, England, Russia and Germany will share the spoils.

The grand duke spoke enthusiastically about the Trans-Siberian Railway, and thought that it would be of the greatest value in colonizing Siberia, and also in affording easy access for troops to the Pacific.

The American women will be happy to hear that his highness considers them "the most beautiful in the world."

Bishop Nicholas, retiring prelate of the Russian church in America, who will take ship with the grand duke, today, presided at the church service yesterday and made an address.

The church, by the way, is the gift of the czar to the Russians of New York in return for the sympathy expressed at the death of his father. He sent the clergy over and pays the rentals and expenses to a great extent.

LYMAN ABBOTT'S SUCCESSOR.

The Reported Selection of the Rev. Dr. Hillis of Chicago.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 4.—It is not unlikely that the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the Central Church of Chicago, will succeed the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott as pastor of Plymouth church.

It is very probable that the advisory committee of Plymouth church will recommend that Dr. Hillis be called. It is generally believed that he will accept and that by spring the celebrated Chicago divine will be preaching in historic Plymouth.

Dr. Hillis is a native of Iowa, and is forty years old. He was educated at Grinnell Academy, at Lake Forest University, and at McCormick Seminary.

For three years after leaving his theological studies he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Peoria. From 1890 to 1894 he preached from the pulpit of the First church in Evanston, Ind.

In December, 1894, he succeeded Professor Swing at the Central Church. Dr. Hillis, like his predecessors of Plymouth and Central churches, is a writer. The four books he has published are: "Foretokens of Immortality," "How the Inner Light Failed," "A Man's Value to Society," and "The Investment of Influence."

Slain by Desperadoes.

St. Paul, Jan. 4.—John Wellmer of Lafayette, Nicolette county, was shot in the head and hip by two tramps whom he had given shelter.

They bound Mrs. Wellmer to a lounge with a clothesline and escaped with Wellmer's team.

Mrs. Wellmer began gnawing at the rope with her teeth, and after several hours of struggle succeeded in biting the cord in two and liberating herself.

A posse of farmers, armed with the rope with which Mrs. Wellmer had been tied, have gone in pursuit of the desperadoes.

Chinese Troops Fled.

London, Jan. 4.—According to a dispatch from Han Kow, there are alarming reports from the upper Yang-tse-Kiang region. Disturbances are increasing in the provinces of Szechuan, Hunan and Hupe.

A body of Chinese troops was sent to attack the rebels, but they are said to have fled before the enemy.

The viceroy has been reinforced by three gunboats and three thousand men.

The dowager empress, it is asserted, is curtailing the authority of the viceroys, especially in the Yang-tse-Kiang districts.

Washington in the Grasp of the Grip.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The grip is now raging here with all its force. Following are some of the prominent persons who are ill:

Justice Gray of the supreme court, former Secretary of State Foster, Justice Weldon of the United States court of claims, Chief Justice Alvey and Justice Morris of the district court of appeals, Chief Justice Bingham and Justice Fox of the district supreme court, Senators Allison, Carter, Sewell, Cockrell and Turpie, and Colonel Schuyler Crosby.

Senor Sagasta Recovering.

Madrid, January 2.—The premier, Senor Sagasta, sat up for four hours yesterday and received successively the minister of war, the president of the chamber and the prefect of the city of Madrid.

OUR FLAG ON THE MAINE

Raised Over the Wreck in Havana by Capt. Sigbee's Men.

Havana, Jan. 3.—It developed yesterday that the company of the Indiana volunteer infantry which waved Cuban flags during the parade Sunday was not placed under arrest as at first reported.

Investigation proved that the flags were given to members of the company by Cubans in the crowd and that the flags were thoughtlessly waved by the cheering volunteers.

Twenty-five Cubans, well mounted and armed, joined the column at the Prado and rode to Central Park turning into a side street. They aroused much enthusiasm.

The seamen of the battleship Texas at 12.30 Sunday afternoon rowed to the wreck of the Maine and hoisted the Stars and Stripes to the fore peak of the wrecked battleship. The flag was saluted by the ships in the harbor. A large American flag was also hoisted to the top of the shears at the navy dock. It could be seen for miles.

Burrows Beats Pingree.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 4.—Governor Pingree has given up hope of defeating Senator Burrows for re-election and is now bending every effort to save his candidate for speaker of the house.

Seventy-three legislators have signed the Burrows call for a caucus to-night and there is no question that all the signers will vote for him. Sixty-seven votes are all that is required to elect.

Pingree is trying to arrange an open ballot for the speakership when the house is organized, hoping to swing the votes of Democratic members for his candidate, John J. Carton of Flint. Representative Adams of Grand Rapids is supposed to have the support of Burrows members.

New Horticultural Buildings.

New York, Jan. 4.—Ground was broken for a range of horticultural buildings at Bronx Park yesterday. Park Commissioner August Moebius dug the first spadeful of earth, and members of the Botanical Society delivered addresses.

The city granted the lands in Bronx Park for a botanical garden, and the buildings were designed by Lord and Burnham.

John C. Sheehan has the contract for building the buildings, and it is expected the work will be completed in eleven months.

The city has appropriated \$375,000 to complete them.

Senator Allison Out Again.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Senator Allison of Iowa, who has been confined to his home with the grip, was able to be at the Capitol yesterday afternoon.

BITS OF NEWS.

An earthquake shock was felt in Freehold, N. J., Monday.

The state of Colorado mined \$27,501,460 worth of gold during 1898.

Diebler, who for forty years has been public executioner at Paris, has resigned.

David Bennett, a farmer, living near Sharon, Pa., was killed by a vicious bull Monday.

The receipts of the New York city postoffice, exclusive of money orders were \$3,560,206.85.

A \$2,000,000 fire visited Brooklyn on Monday. It started in Curley & Co.'s carriage factory.

Applications for space at the Paris exposition already exceed the allotment by 483,000 square feet.

Fire destroyed much of the business portion of Carthage, N. Y., Sunday. The loss will reach \$150,000.

Judge Day has received many offers from magazine publishers for articles on the work of the peace commission.

A fund is being raised in England for the family of the late Harold Frederic, who are said to be in destitute circumstances.

There were taken from the Lake Superior copper mines during the year 1898, 158,250,000 pounds of ore. This is the largest amount on record.

A swindler has worked Yonkers people to the tune of \$1,000 by representing that he was raising money to purchase an organ for a local church.

Editor Gardner of the Boston Traveler has been released from Dedham jail, where he was placed for contempt of court, having made a written apology.

Mrs. C. P. Huntington of New York has given the means for a new girls' dormitory at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Professor Gardener, one of the instructors at Groton School, Groton, Conn., has presented the school with \$75,000, to be used for building a new chapel.

The Chinese government has included in the Russian concession at Hankow property belonging to British owners. The latter have refused to surrender the land.

Andrew Carnegie is to give a \$3,000 organ to the Presbyterian church in Boulder, Col. The pastor of the church the Rev. Dr. Notman, was born near Mr. Carnegie's old home in Scotland.

Mayor Bass, the first Socialist ever elected mayor of an American city, was installed in office Monday, at Nahant, Mass., and in his inaugural address he gave an outline of his policy.

According to official figures, Great Britain expends ninety million dollars a year on the support of the poor, and Germany about twenty-five million dollars. This does not include private charities.

A fast mail on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad has just made the run from Omaha to Chicago, 562 miles, in ten and one-half hours. A speed of ninety miles per hour was attained.

Seven young people were injured, two fatally, while enjoying a new year sleighride near South New Berlin, N. Y., by being struck by an express train on the New York and Ogdensburg Railroad.

Paid for Doing Good Work.

The Swedes have a custom which might profitably be copied by other nations. In the mines of that country the workmen have their tools sharpened by a special blacksmith, and he is paid, not by the number of tools sharpened, but by the number of yards bored by the miners whose instruments he has sharpened during the month. Thus, when the smith is skillful and does his best he makes more money than he does when his work is not well done, and there is a decided gain all around.

YOUR BEST INTERESTS—Will be served by making sure of health. It will be a loss of time and money to be stricken with serious illness. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and purify your blood. In this way all germs of disease will be expelled, sickness and suffering will be avoided, and your health will be preserved. Isn't this a wise course?

HOOD'S PILLS are the only pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Price 25 cents.

Bobby (at the breakfast table)—"Maud, did Mr. Jules take any of the umbrellas or hats from the hall last night?"

Maud—Why, of course not! Why should he?"

Bobby—"That's just what I'd like to know. I thought he did, because I heard him say when he was going out: 'I am going to steal just one,' and—why what's the matter, Maud?"—774-Bits.

HAVE YOU ECZEMA?—Have you any skin disease or eruptions? Are you subject to chafing or scalding? Dr. Agnew's Ointment prevents and cures any and all of these, and cures Itching, Bleeding, and Blind Piles beside. One application brings relief in ten minutes, and cases cured in three to six nights. 35 cents.—88.

Sold by C. A. Klein.

A Sensible Man.

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis Croup and all Throat and Lung Troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a Sample Bottle Free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c. and 50c. 1-5-0-4t.

BAD HEART—COULD NOT LIE DOWN FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS.—"I was unable to lie down in my bed for eighteen months, owing to smothering spells caused by Heart Disease. One bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart removed the trouble, and to-day I am as well as ever I was."—L. W. Law, Toronto Junction. This is but one of a thousand testimonies to the merits of this great cure.—86.

Sold by C. A. Klein.

The Preacher—"And do you always say your prayers before you go to bed at night?"

Johnny—"Yes, sir."

The Preacher—"What are the things that you mostly pray for?"

Johnny—"Well, mostly that pa won't find out what I have been doing through the day."—Chicago News.

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor of Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

AFTER USING Ely's Cream Balm six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh.—Joseph Stewart, Grand Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

A 10c. trial size or the 50c. size of Ely's Cream Balm will be mailed. Kept by druggists. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER.—Rev. W. H. Main, Pastor of the Baptist Emanuel Church, Buffalo, gives strong testimony for and is a firm believer in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. He had tried many kinds of remedies without avail. "After using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I was benefited at once," are his words. It is a wonderful remedy. It relieves instantly.—87.

Sold by C. A. Klein.

"It looks kinder queer, Malindy," said the new millionaire to his wife after the guest had departed, "that the count would take his coat off at dinner like the rest of us, don't it?" "Maybe he didn't have no shirt," suggested the lady. "I've seen fellers fixed up thataway in the shows."—Indianapolis Journal.

LIFE'S A FRET with rich and poor alike—the rich man in a rush to keep ahead—the poor man in a rush to keep up—and dyspepsia a common companion—Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets keep the Stomach sweet, the nerves ready and insure health—they're vegetable pepsin and Nature's most potent aid to keeping well. 35 cents.—90.

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Drops in the Yellow River District. Destroyed by floods. Panic in Szechuen Province. Yunnanese the Rebel Chief Reluctant the Black Flag.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 3.—Advices brought by the steamship Victoria say that merchants in Szechuen province, China, wired to Shanghai previous to the sailing of the Victoria asking that all shipments of merchandise into that province cease.

The Yellow river floods have destroyed the crops, famine has resulted and thousands of natives are reported to be in a starving condition.

Thousands of hungry and ragged refugees are moving down the river in boats only to find the walls of the cities closed against them.

The government appropriated three hundred thousand taels for their relief, but less than one-fifth of that money has been distributed.

It is said that dishonest officials have misappropriated the balance. A relief fund has been started for them in Shanghai.

The Rev. B. Craig Patterson of the Chin Kiang mission, North Kiangsu, appealed to Americans for aid.

A panic prevails throughout Szechuen province, caused by the re-igniting of the black flag of rebellion by the outlaw Yunnanese. After offering to refrain from further depredations, and receiving a compensation therefor from the Chinese authorities, Yunnanese has reassembled his followers and started a new anti-Catholic crusade.

The French missionary Fleury is being held by Yunnanese band and hopes of rescuing him have been abandoned.

CUBANS ARE HAPPY.

Evacuation Ceremonies Marked by Good Feeling.

Havana, Jan. 3.—The first real Yankee sunrise that ever painted the skies of the West Indian archipelago came yesterday morning and kissed the Stars and Stripes above the palace of the departed governor general.

Evacuation ceremonies have created a great revolution of feeling in the city. The Cubans are in a happier mood than they have been since the Americans landed here.

They had feared a snub. General Brooke's conduct toward them they thought a little arbitrary and sparks of discontent were smoldering and threatening to break into flames of disorder.

But at the last moment General Brooke had a happy thought. He invited the Cuban generals Mayia Rodriguez, Mario Menocal and Rafael de Cardenas to the feast and turned the tide of resentment into joy.

General Lee is the hero of the day. Where missiles and epithets had been hurled at him by a frenzied and misunderstanding populace, yesterday the missiles were flowers and kisses.

Wherever the new military governor goes he is pelted with blossoms, which are plentiful here as snowflakes in New York.

Major Russell B. Harrison is in command of the Cabanas fortress, next to General Uncleanliness. The place will be cleaned immediately. It is a pest-hole.

Dr. Laine is in charge of the upper court of justice and Colonel Bliss has the keys of the custom house.

The civil government of the city is in charge of the mayor of Havana, Marquis Esteban.

There have been no disorders in the city since the raising of the Stars and Stripes.

Sloan May Succeed Andrews.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Gov. Roosevelt will prepare a special message dealing exclusively with canal matters.

He called a conference yesterday to discuss the candidates for superintendent of public works. The latest candidate for the place is George B. Sloan of Oswego, N. Y.

Mr. Sloan is a member of the Canal Union and an active promoter of canal improvements. It is said that the nine million dollar appropriation was obtained in a great measure through his efforts.

Mr. Sloan was himself one of the conferees that met in the governor's private chamber to-day.

Trains Race for Contract.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—The race between the Burlington and Northwestern fast mail trains concluded at Omaha yesterday morning.

It was the fastest time for a five hundred mile stretch ever made, and the trains ran as fast as one hundred and ten miles an hour for fifteen miles. The Northwestern wins the first prize of the great \$750,000 contest.

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A Destructive Storm.

London, Jan. 4.—Incoming steamers at different ports report that the frightful weather continues along the British coasts and in the Bay of Biscay.

The channel steamer Anvers, of 1,689 tons, trading between New Haven and Dieppe, has been wrecked at the entrance of Dieppe harbor.

Five of her crew were drowned and her cargo is washing ashore.

State Troops Disbanded.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Governor Roosevelt, through Adjutant General Andrews, yesterday directed Major General Roe to issue an order disbanded the 100th and 101st regiments of the New York State Militia.

Wayne MacVeagh Improving.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Ex-Ambassador General Wayne MacVeagh's condition is about the same as yesterday, and he continues to hold the improvement shown.

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SARAH M. SNYDER, Executrix.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 15, 1898.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcliff Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Line Orange, Pa., will be held at the hall, Centre Street, on the 10th of January, 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. H. BROWN, Secretary.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1899

at ten o'clock a. m., all that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Port Noble street, at a corner of land of the Pennsylvania Canal Company, and running thence north forty-six degrees forty-five minutes east, one hundred and thirty-one feet to a stake, in the westerly side of a twenty-foot private street; thence south forty-three degrees fifteen minutes east, one hundred and thirty-nine feet to the line of the Pennsylvania Canal; thence south forty-six degrees forty-five minutes west, one hundred and eighty-three feet to the line of land of the Pennsylvania Canal Company; thence along the same north twenty-two degrees thirty-eight minutes west, one hundred and forty-seven and five-tenths feet to the place of beginning, whereon is erected a

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of F. F., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 1899,

at two o'clock in the afternoon, all that certain piece and parcel of land, situate in the village of Millville, County of Columbia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Being marked in the general plan of said village as number forty-nine (49), bounded on the north by Second street, on the south by Third street, on the east by lot No. 48, and west by street, being in length fourteen (14) rods, and in breadth, four (4) rods, upon which is erected a

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at 2 o'clock p. m. All that certain piece and parcel of land situate in the township of Millin, County of Columbia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Bounded on the north by Second street, on the east by lot No. 124, on the south by Third street, and on the west by lot now or formerly owned by Mary Gearhart, being sixty-six feet in width and two hundred feet in depth and being numbered and designated upon the general plan of the village of Millinville as Lot 124, whereon are erected a

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at two o'clock p. m., all that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate, lying and being, in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Northwardly by Seventh street, of said town, eastwardly by Catharine street, southwardly by an alley, westerly by lot of John P. Jones. The said lots having a front on Catharine street of forty feet each and extending in depth sixty feet. The one adjoining Seventh street having erected thereon a two-story

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12-23-98. FRANK IKELER, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of Susanna C. Hayman, late of Orange township, deceased, as shown by his first and final account, will sit to perform his duties at the office of C. W. Miller, Esq., on Saturday, January 7th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., when and where all persons interested are requested to present their claims against said estate or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

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 land on which are erected a complete
 set of farm buildings, together with
 all necessary improvements. Also at
 the same time a tract of land near by,
 containing 36 acres and 18 perches,
 strict measure more or less.

Hallstead for President.

It is reported that William F. Hall-
 stead of Scranton will probably be
 elected President of the D. L. & W.
 R. R. Co., next month, on the retire-
 ment of Samuel Sloan who declines a
 re-election.

Few railroad men have been more
 successful than General Manager
 William F. Hallstead, of the Delaware
 Lackawanna & Western Railroad. His
 first engagement on the road was
 in 1851, at the time the line was ex-
 tended from Scranton to Great Bend.
 A stalwart lad of 16, he drove a team,
 labored with the pick and shovel.

For about a year the young farmer
 boy worked with the construction gang
 on the road, and when it was finished
 had no difficulty in securing employ-
 ment as a brakeman. He made his
 first run on a gravel train, but was
 soon promoted to the position of con-
 ductor. A little later he was placed
 in charge of a passenger train. He
 served in this capacity but a few
 months when he was again promoted
 to the position of yard dispatcher at
 Scranton. In the year of 1856 Mr.
 Hallstead was appointed assistant
 superintendent of the road, and in
 1856 was advanced to the position of
 Superintendent of the Northern Divi-
 sion, extending from Binghamton to
 the junction known as the "main line,"
 with headquarters at Scranton. Soon
 after this his already burdensome
 duties were further increased by his
 being placed in charge of the Syracuse
 & Binghamton line, making in all 225
 miles of railway all under his personal
 supervision. In 1885 Superintendent
 Hallstead was made general manager
 of the entire Delaware, Lackawanna
 & Western Railroad.

His untiring efforts have made the
 Delaware, Lackawanna & Western
 one of the best managed, safest and
 most prosperous roads in the country.
 He has watched it unceasingly in its
 growth from a single-tracked short line
 of insignificant dimensions, to a mag-
 nificent system with a double-tracked
 main line extending from New York
 to Buffalo, and ramifications pointing
 in almost every direction through rich
 coal fields and prosperous farming
 country.

The following letters are held at
 the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and
 will be sent to the dead letter office
 Jan. 17, 1899:

Frank B. Crabtree, Mr. J. H. Wor-
 cross, Mr. F. Lloyd, Mrs. Hannah
 Stine, Wm. Vocum.

Persons calling for the above
 letters will please say that they were
 advertised Jan. 5, 1898.

O. B. MELICK, P. M.

Oldest Woman in the World.

A colored woman named Mrs. Mary
 McDonald, an inmate of the Home
 for Aged Colored People in Philadel-
 phia, is 128 years old, having been
 born November 14, 1770.

Lumber Wanted.

Hawley-Slate Furniture Co. want
 50,000 feet, one inch chestnut lumber,
 thoroughly dry, at their factory, in
 Bloomsburg. 1-5 tl.

HOOGE'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Bil-
 iousness, Indigestion, Headache.
 Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

NOTES FROM ESPY.

Miss Elizabeth Milnes, who en-
 joys a lucrative position at Scranton,
 returned to that place on Monday,
 after spending the holidays with
 her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John
 Milnes.

Miss Olive Kitchen of Blooms-
 burg, but who is now teaching
 school at West Chester, visited in
 town last week.

Messrs. Frank and Harry Naugle,
 of Wilkes-Barre, have been visiting
 their parents in town.

Harry Straub, who is clerking at
 Shumantown, was with us over
 Sunday.

Revival services are under way
 in the Evangelical church, con-
 ducted by the pastor, Rev. Mummy.

Miss Mary Milnes, who is teach-
 ing in Madison township, spent the
 holidays at her home in Espy.

Mrs. M. C. McCollum is visiting
 relatives at Scranton.

Mrs. Alfred Boughter is recover-
 ing from a protracted sick spell.

Miss Belle Ruckel has accepted a
 position as teacher in the schools at
 Nanticoke.

Dr. Purman of Washington, has
 been called to the bed side of his
 aged mother, who is seriously ill at
 her home in this place.

Wm. E. Dietterich has recovered
 from a severe attack of la grippe.

Mrs. Rev. Minemier and daugh-
 ter Bertha, are confined to the
 house by illness.

Maude and Annie, two young
 daughters of E. K. Creveling, were
 overcome in their beds by sulphur
 on Sunday night, caused by im-
 properly arranging the stoves upon
 retiring. When discovered they
 were both in an unconscious con-
 dition, and had they been allowed
 to remain longer, the result would
 undoubtedly have proved fatal.

Food for Thought.

There are some figures and facts
 that are always interesting.

Royal Baking Powder is shown by
 the U. S. Government tests to yield
 160.6 cubic inches of leavening gas
 per ounce, a much greater strength
 than was found in any other powder.

The alum powders were shown to
 yield about 60 cubic inches.

Is it not economy to use Royal,
 even though the alum powders should
 cost but half as much?

Again, Royal is a pure cream of
 tartar baking powder, recommended
 by health officers and physicians be-
 cause the food raised by it is rendered
 more digestible and healthful.

Alum baking powders are con-
 demned by physicians and boards of
 health as unwholesome. Their contin-
 ued use will eventually cause serious
 digestive troubles.

Therefore there is both health and
 economy in the use of the Royal. Is
 it not imperative, the actual whole-
 someness of the food being at stake,
 that you should stubbornly reject the
 injurious and employ the healthful
 agent?

MURDERER'S AWFUL FATE.

Body Partly Eaten by Wild Beasts.—Is Found
 in the Woods.

The body of a man believed to be
 Murderer Whiteside, who killed his
 wife at Mills, Potter County, three
 months ago, is reported to have been
 found in the Black Forest near the
 Lycoming County line. News of the
 finding of the body was brought to
 Williamsport on Sunday by two wood-
 men who say that the man's face and
 part of his body had been eaten by
 wild beasts. The body was lying par-
 tially concealed beneath a ledge of
 rock.

The murder of Mrs. Whiteside oc-
 curred at the home of a neighbor
 where the woman had fled to escape
 her husband. Whiteside shot his wife
 in the back and head and while their
 4-year-old child clung to the fallen
 mother's arm, the murderer jumped
 upon her prostrate form, broke her
 jaw and gashed her face hideously
 with his heavy lumberman's shoes.

With a revolver in his hand he de-
 fied capture and fled to the woods. A
 posse searched for him several days
 without success.

Woods Still Missing.

We still hear a few incredulous
 stories in reference to the missing
 Frank Woods, of Danville, but noth-
 ing reliable. Most likely the body of
 the missing man has passed on down
 the river carried along by the floating
 ice, which has been running quite thick
 the week past. The Susquehanna is a
 stream full of eddies and counter cur-
 rents and a body carried on its sur-
 face may linger on it for days nearly
 in one neighborhood. Some years
 ago, in the fall, a citizen named Wil-
 helm was drowned nearly opposite the
 town, and all efforts to find the body
 failed until the subsequent spring
 when it was discovered down the river
 near Millerstown. Woods' body may
 turn up unexpectedly as far down as
 that, perhaps further, as the stream is
 a rapid one on down to the mouth of
 the bay.—Danville Sun.

And now we begin to speak
 familiarly of "next year."

WOMEN SHOULD KNOW IT.

Many women suffer from untold ag-
 ony and misery because the nature of
 their disease is not correctly under-
 stood. They have been led to believe
 that womb trouble or female weakness
 of some sort is responsible for the
 many ills that beset woman-kind.

Neuralgia, nervousness, headache,
 puffy or dark circles under the eyes,
 rheumatism, a dragging pain or dull
 ache in the back, weakness or bearing
 down sensation, profuse or scanty sup-
 ply of urine with strong odor, frequent
 desire to pass it with scalding or burn-
 ing sensation, sediment in it after
 standing in a bottle or common glass
 for twenty four hours, are signs of kid-
 ney and bladder trouble.

The above symptoms are often attrib-
 uted by the patient herself or by her
 physician to female weakness or womb
 trouble. Hence, so many fail to obtain
 relief, because they are treating, not
 the disease itself, but a reflection of the
 primary cause, which is kidney trouble.

In fact, women as well as men are
 made miserable with kidney and blad-
 der trouble and both need the same
 remedy.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is the
 great discovery of the eminent kidney
 and bladder specialist, and it is easy to
 get at any drug store for fifty cents or
 one dollar.

To prove its wonderful merits you
 may have a sample bottle and book
 telling all about it, both sent absolutely
 free by mail. Kindly mention THE
 COLUMBIAN and send your address to
 DR. KILMER & CO. BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE

For January, 1899.

The complete novel in the January issue of
 "Lippincott's" is "The Mystery of Mr.
 Cain," by Miss Lafayette McLaws, daughter
 of the Confederate general of that name.
 The scene is in Georgia, and the plot is so
 uncommon that to reveal it would be unfair
 to the reader.

"The Other Mr. Smith" is a society story
 —but of the unconventional kind—by Ellen
 Douglas Deland.

"John Rutland's Christmas," by Henry A.
 Parker, is a tale of practical philanthropy,
 personally administered.

In "Black Feather's Throw" Joseph A.
 Altschuler deals again with the times when
 Indians tortured their white prisoners and
 burned them at the stake.

The history of an ill-fated empress—
 "Poor Carlotta," wife of Maximilian of
 Mexico—is told by Lucy C. Lillie.

Charles Cotesworth Pinckney reviews "The
 Great Debate of 1833," in which Calhoun
 bore a prominent part and was opposed by
 Webster.

Dr. Felix L. Oswald offers "An Interna-
 tional Study on Liberty," bringing out
 the widely differing significations which the
 word is made to bear, or aspects of the thing
 that are insisted on, by different races or sets
 of men.

"Fin de Siecle Individualism" is brought
 to book by Gertrude Evans King.

"A Reporter's Recollections"—of work
 and incidents in the West some fifteen years
 ago—are supplied by J. L. Sprague.

Under the caption, "Why I did not be-
 come a smuggler," L. C. Bradford tells of an
 adventurous trip in Texas in 1878-9.

The poetry of the number is by May Kiley
 Smith, Dora Read Goodale, Arthur D. F.
 Randolph, Charles G. D. Roberts and
 Harrison S. Morris.

PILL-OSOPHY.—There are pills and
 pills—but Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at
 10 cents a vial lead in demand. The
 sale borders on the phenomenal. Sluggish
 Liver, Constipation, or Irregular
 Bowels are the precursors of many
 physical disorders. These little won-
 ders remove the cause. 40 in a vial for
 10 cents—89.

Sold by C. A. Kleim.

For Rent or For Sale.

A desirable brick house, Fourth
 and Market streets. All modern
 conveniences. Will take Carpet Mill
 bonds in exchange. Address P. O.
 Box 408, Bloomsburg, Pa. 12-29-41.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERY-
 WHERE, for "The Story of the Philippines"
 by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the
 Government as Official Historian to the War Depart-
 ment. The book was written in army camps at
 San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Mer-
 ritt, in the hospital at Honolulu in Hong Kong,
 in the American trenches at Manila, in the in-
 surgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of
 the Olympia with Dewey, and the roar of battle
 at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Prin-
 cipal pictures taken by government
 photographers on the spot. Large book. Low
 price. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given.
 Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit
 free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insur-
 ance Bldg., Chicago. 10-27-106

W. H. Moore's.

School shoes

—FOR—
Sunshine
 or Storm.

School Shoes must be made
 specially strong to stand the
 hard service required of them.
 My School Shoes have been
 carefully selected to stand the
 hard service.

Cash buying gives me the
 best made and enables me to
 sell them at right prices. Don't
 fail to see them before buying.

COR. SECOND AND IRON STS.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

THE BROADWAY

Just the things
 you are looking
 for at the prices
 you care to
 pay.

Hemstitched initial Handker-
 chiefs, 1/4 in. hem, nice embroid-
 ered letter, 5c each.

Ladies' pure Linen Hem-
 stich Handkerchiefs, beauti-
 fully embroidered initial, 1/4 in.
 hem, 24c each.

Men's Japanese Silk Hand-
 kerchiefs, 22 inches, 1 1/2 in. hem,
 handsome embroidered initial,
 50c each.

Ladies' pure Linen Hem-
 stich Handkerchiefs, 1/4 in.
 hem. Excellent value at 10c
 each.

Stamped Doylies, large, new
 line, from 1c. to 48c. each, and a
 full line of new embroidery
 silks, in the desirable shades, at
 2 for 5c.

In leather goods we have
 purses and pocket books, 3c to
 \$2.75 each.

Belts, from 10c to \$1.50 each.
 Satchels, at 56c, 98c, to \$5.00
 each.

Decorated China, useful and
 ornamental, 5c to \$2.75 each.

Ladies' fur cluster boas, \$1.75
 to \$5.00 each.

Dolls and toys in profusion,
 5c to \$8.50.

Christmas tree ornaments are
 selling rapidly. Make your se-
 lection while the assortment is
 complete. 1c to 10c each.

Agency for
Butterick Fashions.

December Styles now ready.

Respectfully Submitted to the
 Cash Trade Only by

THE BROADWAY CASE STORE,
 Mover's New Building, Main Street,
 BLOOMSBURG.

ISAAC LONG,
 73 and 75 Public Square,
 Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

THE JANUARY SALES BEGIN.

Readjustment of stock preparatory to
 inventory is the prime motive of these
 extraordinary bargain occasions.

Expect during this month qualities
 and prices that eclipse past events of
 ours, and that will crowd the reduction
 policy of our competitors. For the next
 three days we will invite your attention
 to these:

THE MID-WINTER SALE
OF WHITE WARE.

A small factory full of dainty muslin,
 cambric and lawn undergarments have
 been transferred to our bargain tables.
 Every year makes for improvement,
 and incites us to greater achievements.
 What were of unheeded bargains last
 year in this store are eclipsed by those
 of to-day.

What do we offer? Here are the
 very newest of things for dainty, yet
 superior underservice. Not a scrap in
 the making, for these were made in the
 dull season preceding the holidays. Not
 a short coming in fabric, trimmings or
 finish, for these are from a reliable
 maker, who has made before us—and
 you. Is there anything pleasanter than
 gathering them at prices such as we are
 giving; for because of the dull season
 these came at profit destroyed cost, and
 are passed on to you under the same
 conditions.

There's a short story of
THE SLIGHTLY
SOILED PIECES

that have done service in the windows,
 on display rods, and over counters. A
 little soiled, mused, or wrinkled, per-
 haps, but that's not a consideration
 when prices are nearly half what they
 formerly were.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL
LINEN SALE.

We've searched among the importers
 and brought forth from our own stock
 of this twice a year event. This is
 clearing time for others and ourselves,
 and some unusual reductions have been
 found and made.

CREAM DAMASKS
 That are worth—
 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and
 \$1.50.
 Are now—
 50c, 60c, 75c, 92c, 98c, and
 \$1.33.

BLEACHED DAMASKS
 That are worth—
 55c, 65c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and
 \$1.50.
 Are now—
 42c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 90c, \$1.12
 and \$1.35.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY
UNMATCHED NAPKINS.

That's a good many, and we wish to
 be well rid of them before the new
 stock arrives. On some we have chopped
 off a quarter, and on others, there's a
 reduction of a full dollar.

You can choose as low as 98c. for all
 linen napkins, or let your desire for fine-
 ness carry you as high as \$8.00 a dozen.

ISAAC LONG,
 73 and 75 Public Square,
 Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

JONAS LONG'S SONS'
WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.,
 Thursday, Jan. 8, 1899

A MATCHLESS SALE OF
LADIES MUSLIN
UNDERWEAR

that should and will command the at-
 tention of every thoughtful and saving
 woman.

Months ago the manufacturers and
 cotton goods weavers, began figuring
 for this great sale of ours. Our policy
 always demands that qualities must be
 the best, workmanship the finest; gar-
 ments must be cut full size, and that
 our patrons shall get bargains that are
 not ordinary—but extraordinary.

While each of our January sales has
 always exceeded the one preceding it,
 none so strongly appeal to your early
 selection and buying as the one just
 open; should it be impossible for you
 to come here this week, if you will send
 us an order by mail a competent sales
 person will do the shopping for you,
 and the goods will be sent to you
 promptly just as advertised. Try our
 mail order system.

At 7 Cents.
 Good quality Muslin Corset Cover,
 V and square neck.

At 12 Cents.
 Cambric Corset Cover, trimmed with
 neat embroidery.

At 15 Cents.
 Chemise, made of good quality
 muslin, and Corset Cover, trimmed
 with wide embroidery, made of cam-
 bric.

At 19 Cents.
 Cambric Corset Covers, with V and
 square necks, trimmed with wide em-
 broidery.

At 25 Cents.
 Ladies' fine quality Muslin and
 Cambric Drawers, trimmed with em-
 broidered ruffle and lace ruffle and
 tucks; all yoke bands and full sizes.
 Chemise, trimmed around neck and
 sleeves and down front with cambric
 ruffle.

At 29 Cents.
 Gowns, made of good quality mus-
 lin; yoke of fine tucks, trimmed with
 neat cambric ruffle.

At 39 Cents.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 49 Cents.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 59 Cents.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 69 Cents.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 79 Cents.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 89 Cents.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 99 Cents.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 1.09.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 1.19.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.

At 1.29.
 Gowns, trimmed with clusters of
 fine tucks, trimmed with neat em-
 broidery, round tucked yoke and
 cambric ruffle.